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Miss Florrie Crim	Atlanta, Ga.
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Miss Lula Cason	Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Freddie Rowland	Atlanta, Ga.
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Miss Josie Leveritt	Columbus, Ga.
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Miss Lottie Keithley	New Orleans, La.
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GENERAL CONVENTIONS OF WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

1893—St. Louis, Mo.
1894—Nashville, Tenn.
1895—Asheville, N. C.
1896—Little Rock, Ark.
1897—Louisville, Ky.
1898—Knoxville, Tenn

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

1899—Dallas, Tex.
1900—New Orleans, La.
1901—St. Louis, Mo.
1902—Richmond, Va.
1903—Atlanta, Ga.
1904—Kansas City, Mo.
1905—Montgomery, Ala.
1906—Asheville, N. C.
1907—Houston, Tex.
1908—Louisville, Ky.
1909—Savannah, Ga.

OUR SCHOOLS.

CUBAN SCHOOLS.

Wolff Mission School, Tampa, Fla., Miss Lottie Adams, Principal.
Night School, Wolff Mission, Tampa, Fla., Miss Lottie Adams, Principal.
West Tampa School, Tampa, Fla., Miss Emelina Valdes, Principal.
Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla., Prof. H. H. Mohn, Principal.

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Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C., Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, Principal.
Holston Industrial School, Greeneville, Tenn., Mrs. E. E. Wiley, Principal.

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Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga., Prof. E. E. Bishop, Principal.
Ann Browder Home and School, Dallas, Tex., Miss Sue Lyon, Principal.
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga., Miss Ellen Young, Principal.

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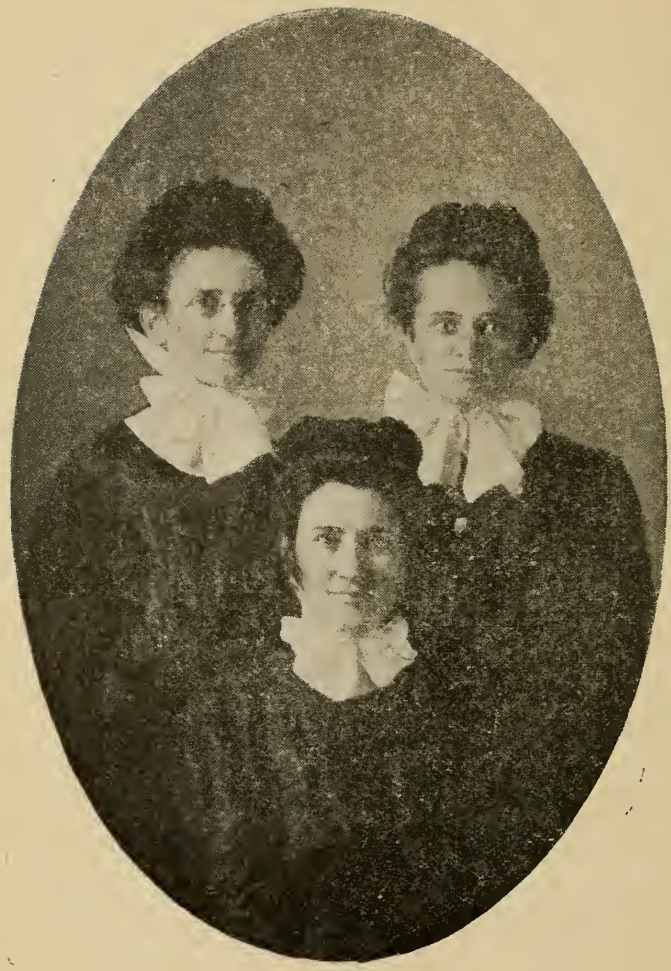
Japanese Night School, Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal.
Japanese Kindergarten and Primary School, Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal.
Korean Night School, San Francisco, Cal., Dr. C. F. Reid, Director.



Foltz, Savannah, Ga.

MISS NELL ROGERS, MISS EUGENIA SMITH,
MISS CORNELIA WICKERS.

Consecrated to the work and office of Deaconess at Savannah, Ga.,
October 15, 1909.

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INTRODUCTION.

That the Woman's Board of Home Missions should be the guest of Savannah, Ga., and of Wesley Monumental Church gave a peculiar charm to the session of 1909. Savannah, the scene of the labors of John and Charles Wesley and George Whitefield in their foreign missionary days, abounds in historic interest to every Methodist, though the Wesley oak, under which it is said John Wesley preached to the Indians, no longer stands on the road to Thunderbolt. As one watches from the wharf the river, busy with craft of every kind, from small rowboats to New York steamers, and immense cotton steamers bearing twenty-six thousand bales of cotton to Liverpool in one cargo, it takes a sympathetic imagination to picture the little, lonely sailing vessels of the days of Oglethorpe—himself a great-hearted gentleman with the missionary spirit. One likes to look upon the huge, rough bowlder placed in one of the squares by the Daughters of the American Revolution to the memory of Tom-i-chi-chi, Chief of the Yamacraws, a noble product of a primitive people.

But to a Methodist Wesley Monumental Church is a nobler monument to the noblest product of English civilization of the eighteenth century. As we sat day after day where we could look upon the medallion pictures of the Wesley brothers in the front window of the church, we might have recalled the days when John Wesley, the preacher-teacher, went without shoes because the boys whom he taught could not come except barefoot. It seemed eminently proper that to the right of the pulpit there should be the marble tablet dedicated to the memory of that saintly spirit, the long-time Nestor of South Georgia Methodism, Rev. Alex M. Wynn, who first conceived the thought of Wesley Monumental Church.

It is because the spirit of such men lingers in the very atmosphere that Savannah seems a home city rather than a great, heartless center where men drive business or are driven by it. The parks or squares

found in every direction make one feel that Savannah cares less for real estate than she does for human beings, and prizes the fact that the little children may safely play in her streets. Hospitality and human kindness are in the very face and manner of the chance passer-by, and no one seems to be too busy to be kind to a stranger exploring the delights of the historic City by the Sea.

At the opening hour Thursday evening Rev. J. A. Harman, presiding elder of the Augusta District, and Rev. G. W. Mathews, pastor of Trinity Church, conducted the devotional service. Rev. C. C. Elliott, pastor of Wesley Monumental Church, and Mrs. J. A. Thomas, President of the South Georgia Conference Society, gave cordial welcome, and Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, of the Little Rock Conference, made felicitous response. Miss Bennett addressed a large audience, reviewing in a graphic way the past work and the present outlook of the organization.

On Friday evening Bishop Hendrix preached most helpfully from Philippians ii. 13 on "The Companionship of a Motive," beginning with the statement that motive and companionship are the two great factors of life and developing the following thoughts:

1. Purpose gives power to intellect, for the intellect becomes stronger as a great consuming purpose holds it.

2. It gives strength to memory.

3. It regulates the desires.

4. It organizes and articulates the energies. God does not want sheet lightning, but thunderbolts.

5. According to the nobleness of the purpose is the height of the transformation of character. One should attempt some impossible task.

Emphasizing the truth that God wants character more than service, he addressed the deaconess candidates, and then entered upon the beautiful service, in which the following were consecrated: Miss Eugenia Smith, Union City, S. C.; Miss Nell Rogers, Perry, Ga.; Miss Cornelia Wickers, Coleman, Fla.

On Sunday different members of the Board addressed Sunday schools and church congregations in various parts of the city. In the afternoon Miss Head conducted services at Wesley Monumental Church for children and young people.

Dr. John A. Rice, pastor of Rayne Memorial Church, in New Orleans, preached at Wesley Monumental Church in the morning from Colossians iii. 1-4 on "The Ascended Life." The Christian life begins in a resurrection. When we awake to Christ, we are unresponsive to the things of the world. Birth into the spiritual world is home-coming to the far-traveling heart. The ascended life chooses the highest ideals. There is a central idea at the head of things, a mighty on-going of God through human history. We can deny, defy, ignore, miss, or work against, or work with this power. If we work with it, we can

await the verdict of the ages, because we lift our task to the level of the infinite, or can have the momentum of the upper level in our earth task. The ascended life creates its own thought world. This thought world makes us what we are. The fight for character is an intellectual fight. The ascended life is centered upon things that are unseen, is centered in God, uses Christ, and waits with him for final self-revelation in the millennial morn, when all dullness shall be gone from the brain and all deadness from the heart. We must each help to lift the other man to those high levels.

At the Sunday evening hour, after prayer and Scripture lesson by Mr. Elliott, Miss Bennett introduced Mrs. John M. Glenn, teacher in the School of Philanthropy in New York, whose husband is Secretary of the Russell Sage Foundation. Mrs. Glenn has a charming personality, combining strength and sweetness. Reading Job xxix. 31, she began her address on "Ideals of Charity" with the statement that charity is a great social principle, the central mood of the good life. She dwelt upon the spirit and methods of three great reformers, St. Francis of Assisi, John Wesley, and Thomas Chalmers, who conceived of each human being as a soul to be saved. She showed the end of all right charity—to increase the number of efficient members of the community. The problems of the South, as a Southern woman she was glad to know, are not overwhelming. There should be in every community an increasing number of men and women, old, middle-aged, and young, ready and willing to serve anywhere. There must be coöperation; and then, beginning with a small program of work, the task must be done with valor and patience. It will be costly work; but our sense of justice and our loyalty ought to make us glad to give, not counting the cost. It must be the work of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ leading the forces.

On Monday evening Rev. Martin Herbert, of the Louisiana Conference, and Professor Mohn, of the Key West Seminary, conducted the opening service. Rev. Nicholas E. Joyner, Superintendent of St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, gave a graphic account of the work and the possible future of that institution in the greatest city of the South, where lies the supremest opportunity of Southern Methodism. Rev. W. T. Griffin, of Gulfport, Miss., Superintendent of the Seamen's Home, followed with a stirring appeal in behalf of the work enterprised at that important seaport.

The memorial service on Tuesday afternoon recalled the unusual losses the Board had sustained during the year. Mrs. J. J. Murph, only last year elected to the office of Corresponding Secretary of the South Georgia Conference Society, Mrs. S. H. Babcock, for years the Corresponding Secretary of the White River Conference Society, and Miss Mae McKenzie, of Georgia, deaconess at Crossett, Ark., have been called to their heavenly reward. Mrs. Luke Johnson read a

memoir of Mrs. Babcock, and at its close asked for opportunity to pay a tribute of grateful love to Mrs. Allen, mother of Mrs. Babcock, who had during the year fallen on sleep in a ripe old age. Though not a member of the Board, she had powerfully and vitally helped its work from the very beginning. Miss Bennett told how the knowledge of Mrs. Allen's prayers had comforted her in lonely and trying hours. Mrs. W. W. Seals read a tribute to Mrs. Murph, and Mrs. Siler one to Mae McKenzie. Several bore testimony to the work and worth of the translated ones. Mrs. MacDonell read a tribute to Bishop Ward, and several spoke with gratitude of Bishop Ward and Bishop Galloway, loved and honored leaders who since the last Board meeting had joined the hosts triumphant. Prayer was made for all the families in the shadow of sorrow, and a special prayer for Mrs. Ward, then awaiting the body of her husband from the East.

Tuesday evening with the deaconesses—some fresh from the fields where they had labored a year or more, others just beginning their work—was an occasion of undivided and tender interest to all the members of the Board. Misses Annie Mutch, of Spartanburg, S. C., Stella Womack, from Bristol, Tenn., Annie Trawick, from Augusta, Ga., Addie Mitchell, of Lindale, Ga., and Eugenia Smith, from the coal field of Thurber, Tex., presented strongly the peculiar work developing in their respective fields. Misses Nell Rogers and Cornelia Wicker, newly consecrated deaconesses, told of experiences that had led them to make choice of this sphere of activity. Miss Emma Tucker's early morning Bible studies were like the dew of the morning to those who heard her. The readings on "Failures" and the "Lost Ax Head" will long remain in memory and heart to comfort and to warn.

The session was more largely attended than any previous one. Thirty-one Conferences were represented, only seven being without representation. It was gratifying to have a delegate from the Pacific Coast, many field workers, and representatives from several institutions. The presence of many visitors made every session intensely interesting. The absence of Mrs. Kirkland, Mrs. Yarbrough, Mrs. L. P. Smith, and Mrs. W. H. Johnson was noted with a peculiar sense of loneliness. The session was characterized throughout by a spirit of largeness, of cordial harmony, and of unfaltering hope and purpose.

The pastor, Rev. C. C. Elliott, and his people did everything possible for the comfort and happiness of the delegates. Savannah hospitality has a rare, unobtrusive quality that bespeaks old-fashioned Southern breeding, and sends a guest away grateful, but not burdened with a sense of obligation. Doubtless each guest cherishes memories of a sweet home where unwearying kindness made the time between arduous sessions seasons of rest and quiet communion with family circles. Some had time for visits to the old Colonial Cemetery, in the heart of the city; to the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences, the

gift to her native city by Miss Mary Telfair, daughter of Georgia's second Governor; to Thunderbolt and other suburban attractions, and to Bonaventure, surely the most peaceful of all the cities of the dead, with its avenues of century-old live oaks draped in the long gray moss. But the pleasures shared together are a memory in common—the appetizing luncheons served at the church every day with exquisite taste, affording some leisure for delightful companionship; the souvenirs of the Wesley Oak and the pen staves from a tree in the Holy City; and the afternoon spent at Fort Screven, on Tybee Island, where through avenues of palms hung with moss we came upon the long, beautiful beach where a quiet sea at ebb tide broke in slow, rhythmic waves. Sky and sea and friends met in a trinity of comradeship, where human smallness fell away and all were lifted into the largeness of God.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

On Friday morning, October 15, at 10:15 o'clock, the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the M. E. Church, South, opened its eleventh annual session with Miss Belle H. Bennett, President, in the chair. Miss Emma Tucker had previously conducted a Bible study, with "Failures" as her subject. The hymn, "O for a faith that will not shrink!" was sung. After the Apostles' Creed was repeated in concert, Miss Bennett led in prayer. She then read the closing paragraphs of the last chapter of the Gospel of St. John, from which she strongly developed the lesson that service is the proof of love. The body entered upon the business of organization. The roll was called and the following officers and members of the Board responded to their names:

Miss Belle H. Bennett, President.

Mrs. J. W. Perry, Second Vice President.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary.

Miss Mabel Head, Associate Secretary.

Mrs. Frank Siler, Recording Secretary.

Members of Standing Committees.—Miss Mary Helm, Editor and Agent of *Our Homes*, Miss Maria L. Gibson, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. George Call, Mrs. J. A. Thomas, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson.

Representatives of Conference Societies.

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Arkansas Conference: Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Corresponding Secretary.

Baltimore Conference: Miss Vivian Conway, Corresponding Secretary.

Florida Conference: Mrs. W. F. Alexander, Corresponding Secretary.

Holston Conference: Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Corresponding Secretary.

Kentucky Conference: Mrs. J. J. Dickey, Corresponding Secretary.

Little Rock Conference: Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Corresponding Secretary.

Louisiana Conference: Mrs. H. R. Singleton, Recording Secretary.

Louisville Conference: Miss Ada Lewis, Corresponding Secretary.

Memphis Conference: Mrs. Ross Witherspoon, Corresponding Secretary.

Mississippi Conference: Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Corresponding Secretary.

Missouri Conference: Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Corresponding Secretary.

North Alabama Conference: Mrs. Alice Johnson, Corresponding Secretary.

North Carolina Conference: Mrs. S. H. Scott, Corresponding Secretary.

North Georgia Conference: Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Corresponding Secretary.

North Mississippi Conference: Mrs. L. M. Broyles, Corresponding Secretary.

North Texas Conference: Mrs. P. C. Archer, Corresponding Secretary.

Northwest Texas Conference: Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Corresponding Secretary.

Oklahoma Conference: Mrs. R. M. Campbell, President.

Pacific Conference: Mrs. C. N. Hawkins, First Vice President.

South Carolina Conference: Mrs. D. M. Bourne, Corresponding Secretary.

South Georgia Conference: Mrs. W. W. Seals, Corresponding Secretary.

Southwest Missouri Conference: Mrs. D. F. Brown, Corresponding Secretary.

Tennessee Conference: Mrs. B. D. Bell, Corresponding Secretary.

Texas Conference: Mrs. George Call, Corresponding Secretary.

St. Louis Conference: Mrs. C. W. Hawkins, Corresponding Secretary.

Virginia Conference: Mrs. H. E. Wall, Corresponding Secretary.

West Texas Conference: Mrs. T. A. Brown, Corresponding Secretary.

Western North Carolina Conference: Mrs. F. E. Ross, Corresponding Secretary.

Western Virginia Conference: Mrs. C. P. Fullerton.

White River Conference: Mrs. W. S. Atkins, Treasurer.

The following Conferences were not represented: Columbia Conference, Denver Conference, East Columbia Conference, German Mission Conference, Los Angeles Conference, Montana Conference, New Mexico Conference.

The bar of the Conference was fixed, assigning the first six seats across the auditorium to the delegates.

The rules of order were read.

Upon nomination by Mrs. Siler, Mrs. Luke Johnson was elected Calendar Secretary.

The following rules for the calendar were offered by Miss Head, and adopted:

CALENDAR RULES, 1909.

1. All business shall be conducted through committees, to whom all memorials, resolutions, or other action affecting the body shall be referred.

2. All business to go before the committees must be presented to them

not later than the close of the third day's business session, unless the body shall order otherwise by majority vote.

3. No item of business shall be placed on the calendar until read before the body.

4. No business shall be acted upon during the same session in which it is placed upon the calendar.

5. Business may be brought up out of calendar order only by majority vote of the body.

6. Business shall not be allowed to remain on the calendar more than two days.

Mrs. C. H. Beard, President of the Home Mission Auxiliary of Wesley Monumental Church, Savannah, Ga., at this juncture asked leave to make a gift of historic value in the name of the Wesley Monumental Auxiliary. It was a beautiful gavel, given by Mrs. David Carson, daughter of Mr. R. B. Reppard, that stanch and lamented friend of Methodism. The gavel was made from the wood of the famous Wesley oak. The President responded in her own felicitous way in accepting the gift.

Miss Bennett then read her annual message to the Board, prefacing it with the statement that she had made preparations for this message by months and years of earnest study and still more earnest prayer.

A motion prevailed to have a special Committee on Memorials and Resolutions to the General Conference, to whom the recommendation of the President's message and other matters upon which action by the General Conference is desired should be referred. The President stated that the committee would be announced later.

The minutes of the *ad interim* meetings of the Board were read by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, the General Secretary.

CALLED MEETINGS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Monteagle, Tenn., July 18, 1908.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions met in called session July 18 in the Woman's Building at Monteagle. Those responding to roll call were: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Miss Mabel Head, and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell. A quorum being present, the President called the meeting to order. Miss Gibson led the devotional service.

The General Secretary explained that there were three items of business to bring before the body. The first was a communication from Mr. Morgan, brother-in-law of Mrs. Nannie Morgan, of Kentucky, from whom the Society inherited certain farming lands in Kansas. It was shown by the reading of the will that the Society could not come into possession of these lands until after the death of her daughter. The communication from Mr. Morgan explained that this daughter was in pressing need of the money locked in these lands, and petitioned the Board to release its interest in the same for a sum estimated upon mortuary tables as the amount to be realized from the sale of same upon her death. On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the General Secretary be authorized to execute a

quitclaim deed to the real estate of Mrs. Nannie Morgan, which by the terms of her will became the property equally of the Woman's Home Mission Society and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society after her death, for the sum of $461, which it is estimated upon mortuary tables would be the value of said lands to the Society upon her death."

The General Secretary read letters from the widow and son of the late William B. Womack, showing that the various legacies from his estate had been prorated, and that the amount granted the Ann Browder Mission Home and School was one thousand dollars ($1,000). She offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved:* 1. That the President and Secretary of this corporation be and they are hereby authorized to accept in full settlement of all claims of this corporation against the estate of William B. Womack, deceased, and against the executrix of said estate, and in full settlement of all claims and demands arising under the will of the said William B. Womack, the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000).

"2. That the said President and Secretary be authorized to execute a release in such form as may be desired by the executrix of said estate in consideration of the payment of said sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000).

"3. That the said President and Secretary be authorized to execute a proper pleading to file in the court where said cause is pending, authorizing a judgment to be rendered in favor of said executrix, and divesting this company of any interest in said estate in consideration of said sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000)."

Carried.

The General Secretary read communications from Mr. R. Walton Moore, of Fairfax, Va., concerning the sale of certain lands bequeathed the Society by Mrs. Mary Rowzee, which resulted in the adoption of the following resolution:

"Whereas by his last will and testament, dated May 31, 1879, duly probated and recorded in Liber D-No. 2, p. 152 of the will books of Fairfax County, Va., the late Lewis Johnson devised to his grandson, Lewis J. Gibson, an undivided one-half interest in the tract of land whereon he resided, with provision that should the said Lewis J. Gibson die without issue his share in said real estate should revert and pass to his daughter, Mary E. Rowzee; and whereas by her last will and testament, dated January 2, 1901, duly probated and recorded in will book H-No. 2, p. 325 of the said will books, said Mary E. Rowzee gave and devised the residue of her estate to the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Mississippi, which residuary devise included the contingent interest of the said Mary E. Rowzee in said tract of land devised to the said Lewis J. Gibson as aforesaid; and whereas said Mary E. Rowzee and Lewis J. Gibson partitioned the said land by deed dated June 2, 1890, recorded in Liber M-No. 5, p. 1 of the deed books of said county, in which partition the said Lewis J. Gibson acquired lot No. 2, containing 118 acres and 17 poles, to be held by him in accordance with the provisions of the said will of Lewis Johnson; and whereas by deed dated April 3, 1894, recorded in Liber I-No. 6, page 641 of said deed books, said Lewis J. Gibson conveyed to Mary E. Rowzee a part of the land acquired by him under said will and in said partition containing 10 acres, 3 roods, and 2 poles; and whereas by deed dated April 22, 1908, and duly recorded in said deed books, the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South, conveyed and quitclaimed to the said Lewis J. Gibson another part of

said tract containing 64.43 acres; and whereas said Lewis J. Gibson desires to acquire the contingent interest of this society in and to the residue of said tract acquired by him under said will and in said partition, being a tract of about 43 acres more or less, located in Providence Magisterial District, Fairfax County, Va.; and whereas this Society has agreed to make such conveyance and quitclaim in consideration of the sum of $215; now it is further

"*Resolved*, That a quitclaim deed shall be executed to said Lewis J. Gibson in the name of the Society by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary, conveying to said Gibson all of the right, title, and interest in this Society in the said residue of said land, whether its interest is vested or contingent, present or future, of whatever kind or nature it may be, said Mrs. R. W. MacDonell being directed to sign the name of this Society to the said deed, affix its corporate seal thereto, and acknowledge and deliver the same upon the payment of the sum of $215."

Nashville, Tenn., January 8, 1909.

The midwinter meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions convened in the general office of the Society at 9:30. Those present were: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Miss Mabel Head, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, and Mrs. Hume Steele, alternate from the Tennessee Conference.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises led by the President.

Organization being effected, the General Secretary submitted the following correspondence which had been necessary, as it had been impracticable to call a meeting of the whole Board. The subjects were of such vital importance as to demand personal attention of each member and called for a recorded vote:

"AUGUSTA, GA., July 28, 1908.

"*My Dear Mrs. MacDonell:* Inclosed please find a conditional appropriation by the General Educational Board of New York and a letter sent to me therewith. This appropriation is resultant from the correspondence you and I have had with the Board. All of August and most of September I expect to spend in trying to raise money by house-to-house canvass, of which I have written you. I am wedded to no other endeavor more than I am to the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society in behalf of my race. I am willing to make any possible sacrifice to bring about the results sought by your Society.

"Yours most respectfully, JOHN W. GILBERT."

"*Dear Mr. Gilbert:* Herewith I send you the conditional pledge for $5,000 toward the dormitory which the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, propose to erect on Paine College Annex. Will you kindly transmit this to the ladies and get from them their acknowledgment?

"Cordially yours, WALLACE BUTTRICK."

This pledge is as follows:

"NEW YORK, July 15, 1908.

"The General Education Board will contribute to the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the erection and equipment of a dormitory for girls on the property adjacent to Paine College, Augusta, Ga., known as Paine Annex, the sum of five thousand ($5,000) dollars.

"*Provided*, that a further sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000)

shall be contributed in cash for the same purpose on or before July 1, 1910.

"The General Education Board will pay said subscription of five thousand ($5,000) dollars to the trustees of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, upon the statement of the Secretary of this Board certifying that said trustees have secured in cash the further sum of twenty thousand ($20,000) dollars for the erection and equipment of said dormitory for girls.

"*Provided*, that the subscription of the General Education Board shall be void if the conditions as above are not fulfilled by or before July 1, 1910.

F. T. GATES, *Chairman;*
WALLACE BUTTRICK, *Secretary.*"

You will see by referring to pages 50 and 51 of the Twenty-Second Annual Report that we must enlarge our accommodations, as our cottages have never been large enough. The question before us now is, shall we accept this offer from the General Education Board? It means that we shall have to raise $15,000 by July, 1910 (Mr. Gilbert has $5,000 in personal pledges), and that will require faith, energy, and courage. If you are willing to cast your vote for its acceptance, will you kindly sign the resolution inclosed in this communication? If not, kindly notify me at your earliest convenience, as we must reply to Mr. Buttrick's communication. MRS. R. W. MACDONELL.

"Whereas our dormitory at Paine Annex provides for only thirty-six students and there are three in each small room, in some instances the three occupying one bed; and whereas our great need is a larger building which will accommodate many whom we are now turning away; and whereas our industrial training is so meagerly equipped as to fail to give larger results; therefore be it

"*Resolved:* 1. That we hail this generous offer of the General Education Board as a providential help in our hour of need, and accept the gift upon conditions imposed in the proffer.

"2. That we will endeavor by personal appeal and earnest effort to accomplish this collection at as early a date as possible."

The proposition was accepted by thirty-six in favor, three against.

"NASHVILLE, TENN., August 20, 1908.

"*My Dear Sister:* Referring to the Annual Report, you will see that the Committee on Extension of Work recommended that the Rhineheart School at Waleska, Ga., be investigated and that the funds in hand from the Florine McEachern Fund be used for that institution. This recommendation was made with the understanding that Mr. and Mrs. McEachern were willing for the $20,000 to be used that way. Investigation showed that it was undesirable for the Board to undertake the Waleska work, and also that it was a misunderstanding with Mr. and Mrs. McEachern. You will also recall that it was the first plan to build a hospital with the Florine McEachern Fund for the training of nurse deaconesses. Upon investigation it was found that the cost of building and maintaining such an enterprise was greater than the Home Mission Society was able to undertake, and in addition Mr. and Mrs. McEachern had changed their angle of vision. In July the Executive Committee met with Mrs. McEachern, and after discussing the use of these funds the following resolution was prepared to submit to you:

" 'Whereas the memorial gift of $10,000 to the Woman's Board of Home Missions by Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McEachern was intended to pro-

ject a movement among the children of the Church that should inspire them to larger liberality and at the same time further the cause of home missions; therefore be it

"'*Resolved:* 1. That all former action in regard to the use of this fund be rescinded.

"'2. That the funds collected by the Brigade in future, together with the $10,000 memorial gift of Mr. and Mrs. McEachern and the amount raised by the children to meet the conditions of the gift (principal and interest amounting to $22,548.67), shall be known as the Florine McEachern Fund.

"'3. That these funds shall be used to project, maintain, equip, or develop any work under the auspices of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, in which the trained worker is a factor, as well as in the training and better preparation of workers under appointment and control of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

"'4. That an annual report of collections and expenditure of these funds shall be made at the annual sessions of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.'

"This makes the $22,548.67 available for any enterprise where trained workers are engaged, such as paying the salary of the teacher of sociology at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, or the salary of a deaconess or teacher in an enterprise like that at Galveston. Of course we cannot touch these funds, since the action ordered by the Board at its last session has fallen through, until we have the consent of the Board. I am therefore submitting a resolution which, if it meets with your approval and you indorse this action you can sign and return to the office. MRS. R. W. MACDONELL."

"Whereas at this juncture it is impracticable to use the Florine McEachern Fund for hospital purposes; and whereas the demand for an available fund from which to draw to project, maintain, equip, or develop work in which the trained worker is a special factor; and whereas the proposition submitted by Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McEachern concerning the Florine McEachern Hospital Fund makes it possible to use this money for that purpose; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That we concur with Mr. and Mrs. McEachern in the change of plan for the use of these funds, and therefore adopt the paper submitted by them to the Executive Committee."

This proposition was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary was then called upon for a report of the work done through the Parsonage Department. This report showed that none of the grants promised at the annual session of the Board had been paid because of lack of funds, but that the total appropriation ($3,325) would be forwarded to the Board of Church Extension to cover the same by January 15.

A report of the Vashti Home and School showed improved condition of students and satisfactory work being done by the faculty. The General Secretary explained that the purchase of twenty-six acres of land adjacent to the school had left a debt of $2,750 upon the property and that the titles were in escrow. She advised that promissory notes be given for the debt, so that a bond for title might be secured, which would give it a better legal shape. On motion of Miss Mary Helm, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary of the Woman's Home Mission Society, be authorized to issue two notes—one for one thousand dollars ($1,000), to be taken up January 1, 1910; the second for seven hundred and fifty ($750) dollars, to be taken up January 1, 1911. Said notes to be deposited with the executor of the A. T. McIntyre estate in payment of indebtedness on property known as the Vashti Institute."

Mrs. Sullins moved that Prof. E. E. Bishop be authorized to make such effort as necessary to secure an appropriation from the Georgia Legislature for the maintenance of those girls in the institution who might have legal claim upon such funds.

Carried.

Rev. S. C. Camak, of Saluda, S. C., was introduced and spoke of the cotton mill problem of his State. He showed that $105,000,000 is invested in this industry, and that they run 4,000,000 spindles. He also showed that 8,119 of the 36,000 children of the State who are under sixteen years of age are employed in cotton mills. He brought before the Board his earnest desire to establish a school which would enable the mill boys and girls to take primary education while learning the cotton mill business. Such a school, if large enough, he thinks can be made largely self-supporting while the students work their way through.

Miss Head gave a verbal report of her department. She attended ten young people's meetings in the summer and showed the need of assistance in conducting the personal work, which has come to be a large part of these missionary campaigns. She reported having held twenty-six institutes in the State of Texas in the fall. Her report showed evident need of some building at the Corpus Christi Encampment, where personal work and an institute might be held. The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That Miss Head be authorized to request the Texas Conference Secretaries to secure personal gifts for building a suitable house for the needs of our work at Corpus Christi, Tex.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,
MRS. W. B. SULLINS."

The hour for luncheon having arrived, the session closed with prayer, special petition being made for the Lebanon District Woman's Home Mission Society, which was in session at Hartsville.

Second Day.—January 9, 1909.

The second session of the Midwinter Board Meeting was opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. L. P. Smith.

Miss Head reported work of the Young People's Department, showing growth and better organization.

Mrs. Sullins gave a report of the building of the chapel at Bristol, Tenn., and the beginning of institutional work by the deaconess in charge. She also gave an interesting account of the opening of the Wesley House at Knoxville, Tenn. Miss Stewart, missionary in charge, is at work and is assisted by Miss Sue Herrick, the kindergartner employed by the Knoxville Kindergarten Association. Miss Herrick boards in the Wesley House, and correlates her work with that of the missionary.

Mr. Burton was introduced and brought before the body the needs of securing a loan for the parsonage at Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Mr. Waits, from Sand Mountain District of the North Alabama Con-

ference, was introduced and gave facts concerning the need of a home mission school within the bounds of his circuit.

Miss Mary Helm made report of *Our Homes*, and also gave an outline of the book she has prepared for the Interdenominational Reading Course. The book will be ready for distribution in April, and is called "From Darkness to Light: A Story of Negro Progress." At the request of the General Secretary Miss Helm made report of the merging of the Interdenominational Reading Course Committee and the Interdenominational Committee for Summer Conferences into one larger organization, to be known as the Council of Women for Home Missions. Miss Helm was present at Northfield when this new organization was effected, and after giving details of organization read the constitution adopted. Mrs. MacDonell explained that she had corresponded with the Secretary and had given nine names as representatives of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South. It had been impossible to call a meeting of the Board for any expression concerning the new organization; and yet, anticipating that it would meet a need in home mission work, she had assumed the responsibility of not only indorsing the action, but of giving the seven names necessary for the various committees. On motion of Mrs. W. B. Sullins, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Woman's Board of Home Missions in executive session indorse the action of its General Secretary in committing this organization to union with the Interdenominational Council of Women of Home Missions and in the nomination of the following for membership: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. R. B. John, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. George Call, Mrs. H. S. Bradley. We urge the selection of a more central place of meeting, and place in nomination Cincinnati."

The General Secretary made report of the work among Cubans and in Florida, which was encouraging. She presented correspondence with the Principal, Mr. A. W. Mohn, at Key West, relative to the purchase of land adjacent to the seminary. She was requested to communicate with Bishop Candler at once, and request that he stop at Key West as he visits Cuba, so as to give the Board the benefit of his judgment and counsel in the matter.

On motion, the General Secretary was instructed to get estimate of cost for enterprising a day school for Cubans at the extremity of the island from the Seminary.

Dr. Lambuth was introduced and made report of the work on the Pacific Coast, which he had recently visited.

Miss Mary Helm read a letter from Mrs. McCausland relative to the appointment of some member of the Board or some appointee making a tour through the East Columbia Conference for the purpose of organizing Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. The General Secretary reported the reception of similar letters from the Conference President and Secretary. She was instructed to write the officers of the Conference Society that the President and Secretary have been requested to visit the Conference in the early spring and to hold as many institutes as possible within its bounds.

The meeting adjourned.

Third Day.—January 10, 1909.

The morning session of the third day was opened with devotional services led by Miss M. L. Gibson.

A typewritten report of the General Treasurer was submitted.

Mrs. MacDonell presented a letter from Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, Principal of Brevard Institute, which pleaded for the enlargement of the campus by the purchase of more land that is now available. Miss Bennett, Superintendent of the Mountain Work, made report of both mountain schools. After much discussion Miss Bennett was instructed to visit Brevard; and if in her judgment it seemed best, she was authorized to purchase the property.

The pressing needs of Sue Bennett School at London, Ky., were brought before the body, and Miss Helm moved that the Midwinter Board Meeting recommend to the Board in annual session that the Week of Prayer collection next fiscal year be given to the Sue Bennett School.

Carried.

Mrs. L. P. Smith gave report of the Ann Browder Home and School at Dallas. She read report of Mrs. Johnson, Financial Agent, which showed the following:

Cash collection from shares for new building	$13,365 15
Land note yet to collect	165 00
Property at Dublin, valued at	500 00
Total in Mrs. Johnson's hands	$14,030 15
The General Treasurer's report shows in bank in Nashville	3,570 00
Notes from Misses Emma and Tina Tucker, due when building begins	4,000 00
Total for new building, Week of Prayer collection not included	$21,600 00

Mrs. Smith reported that thirty-nine acres of land had already been purchased for the new building. She showed that it was desirable to increase the campus by purchasing more land. Mrs. Bennett Bell offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That Mrs. Smith be authorized to purchase not more than eleven acres; that if only five are bought, she will be given a margin of $250 per acre; but if more than five, the maximum price must be placed at $200 per acre."

Carried.

The General Secretary presented correspondence concerning the authority of the local Board of Managers in the internal management of the Ann Browder Home and School. The Chair appointed Mrs. MacDonell, Mrs. Smith, and Miss Head a committee to revise the Constitution and By-Laws for the local Board, and also to revise the general rules for the institution.

Mrs. MacDonell reported the work at Paine Annex as enjoying continued usefulness, but greatly needing the new dormitory and industrial features. She reported $3,194.60 in bank for the dormitory ($2,504.60 was collected by Prof. J. W. Gilbert). Plans for securing the $15,000 the Woman's Board must raise were discussed and referred to the Committee on Education. The committee was authorized to proceed with the collection. The Chair instructed the General Secretary to prepare a statement of the needs of Paine Annex for the Church papers, and that an appeal to a circle of interested friends be made to join in a cycle of prayer that the money may be raised by a given date.

Mrs. Bell moved that Mrs. MacDonell, Miss Head, and Miss Bennett prepare some definite prayer form for this cycle of prayer.

Carried.

Miss Gibson was called upon for a report of work done by home mission students at Scarritt Bible and Training School. She reported eighty-one students enrolled this year, and that twelve would be available for appointment at the next meeting of the Board, either as deaconesses, city missionaries, kindergartners, or teachers.

Miss Haskin gave a report of home mission students at the Methodist Training School. She gave the names of eight young women who will offer for service in the Home Mission Society this year.

Rev. N. E. Joyner, superintendent of the work at New Orleans, was introduced and addressed the body on "Conditions in Lower Louisiana." He showed that there were 200,000 French people in the State—75,000 in New Orleans alone. In the southern section of the State, near Alexandria, there are large colonies of Italians. In sections of the State French is the vernacular of the people. These foreign people are nominally Roman Catholic, but in the southwest they are open to Protestantism. In some sections they are eager for the gospel, and the ministry of a deaconess is greatly needed. He showed that after one hundred years' work in Louisiana there were only 32,000 members of the M. E. Church, South.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Fourth Day.—January 14, 1909.

The Midwinter Board Meeting was called to order by the President at 9:30. Devotional service was led by Miss Helm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected.

The General Secretary presented a memorial from the Farmington District, St. Louis Conference, requesting that Miss Snyder, from Kingdom House, be appointed to the lead mines of the district. Miss Head offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the General Secretary be instructed to write to the President of the St. Louis Conference, explaining that it is impossible to appoint a young woman who has not made application to this Board, the young woman in question being a local worker in St. Louis. Also to assure the workers that the Board will keep the Farmington District in mind when making appointments at the next annual meeting."

Adopted.

Mrs. MacDonell read a communication from Miss Birdie Cate, deaconess at Columbus, Ga., in which she notified the Board of her desire to retire from the office and work of a deaconess.

Mrs. Bell moved that the resignation of Miss Cate be accepted, and that she be released after she has complied with the law.

Carried.

Miss Head moved that Miss Josie Leverett be appointed to fill out the unexpired time at Columbus.

Carried.

The mountain work was again taken up for consideration. The need for a new girls' dormitory, for a laundry plant, and for steam heating for the main building at Sue Bennett School was clearly outlined by the General Secretary. Miss Helm moved that the $3,545.75 now to

the credit of the Chenoweth legacy be held for appropriation to these needed repairs.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Fifth Day.—January 15, 1909.

The fifth day of the midwinter session of the Board was opened by devotional services led by Mrs. Hume Steele.

The minutes of the previous session were read and corrected.

The General Secretary presented the application papers for deaconess-training of several candidates. These were referred to the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work.

Mrs. MacDonell presented the generous proffer of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wrenne of fifteen acres of land beautifully located at Monteagle, Tenn., to be used as an industrial school for mountain girls. Miss Helm offered the following, which was adopted:

"While the Board appreciates the opportunity thus offered for a rest home for workers during vacation, which could serve as a school at other seasons, the depleted condition of the treasury and distressing needs of institutions already in operation preclude the inauguration of any new work."

The General Secretary was instructed to express the appreciation of the Board to Mr. and Mrs. Wrenne for this proof of their regard for the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Mrs. MacDonell then presented a second offer from Mr. and Mrs. Wrenne to the three Missionary Boards of the Church, by which a lot sufficient for a Workers' Rest Home would be given if they would put up such a Home. It was the sense of the meeting that this Board could not accept this proposition for the reason given in declining the first.

Miss Helm offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas the number of deaconess candidates is larger than ever before, and the distance to the place of the Board meeting is so great as to involve loss of time from their class room and great cost; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That the deaconesses be consecrated at such time and place as the Committee on Deaconesses and City Mission Work may elect."

The following was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas the class of deaconesses and city missionaries graduating from the Training Schools are in such a physical condition as necessitates a period of rest and recuperation, and others who may have a change of appointment will reach their new field at the inopportune time of the summer closing of work; and whereas much dissatisfaction and confusion result from the appointment of these workers from four to six months before they can go to their respective fields of labor; therefore be it

"*Resolved:* 1. That the time of the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, at which time such appointments are made, shall be changed from April until October.

"2. If it shall be the will of the Board to make this change of time, the executive officers shall be and are hereby empowered to transact all business in the year 1909 as this change may render necessary."

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Sixth Day.—January 16, 1909.

Miss Bennett opened the sixth session of the Board meeting with devotional exercises, using Psalm cxxv. as the Bible lesson.

Miss Haskin brought before the Board the names of several home mission candidates, which were referred to the Committee on Deaconesses and City Mission Work.

The following was presented and adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the President and General Secretary be instructed to correspond with the proper parties in the several Annual Conferences and with leaders of the institutes now being held in different parts of the Church for the purpose of securing a period of not less than two hours for an institute on the woman's work of the Church, and that a strong program be arranged and Miss Head be instructed to secure such assistance as she deems necessary to proceed to hold these institutes.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,
MRS. B. D. BELL."

The committee appointed to draft a Constitution for the Local Board of Managers for Ann Browder Home and School brought in a report, which was adopted.

The question of annuity funds was discussed and items referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The meeting adjourned with prayer led by Miss Bennett.

Nashville, Tenn., June 22, 1909.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions met in called session in the office of the General Secretary at the Methodist Publishing House on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. Those present were: Miss Belle H. Bennett, President, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, and Mrs. Hume Steele, alternate from the Tennessee Conference. Rev. N. E. Joyner, Superintendent of St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, and Mrs. W. D. Pollard were also present and extended the courtesy of the floor.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. N. E. Joyner.

The General Secretary presented a summary of the Annual Report, showing growth in each department.

At the request of the Chair Mr. Joyner made a report of the work at St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans. He spoke of its inauguration in January, of the various features of work carried on, and of the beautiful harmony among the workers. He reported the present building as being already inadequate for the work, and of the need of another worker.

The General Secretary read a communication from the head resident of the Louisville Wesley House relative to securing kindergarten training for one of the workers. In view of the paucity of workers and the great demand for deaconesses and city missionaries it was deemed unwise for one who was already doing acceptable work to turn aside for a two years' course in another branch.

Discussion concerning the need of kindergartners in the city work followed, when several available deaconesses were nominated and the Secretary instructed to endeavor to secure them for the work.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Second Session.

The second session of the called meeting of the Board was called to order by the President, Miss Belle H. Bennett.

Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. J. W. Perry.

The minutes were read and approved.

Prof. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis, from London, Ky., were introduced. At the request of the President, Professor Lewis made a report of the work in the Sue Bennett School. He told of the establishment of the school thirteen years ago, of its primitive beginnings, and gave a thrilling account of its success. He reported that agitation along educational lines in Kentucky had led to the enactment of laws compelling the establishment of a high school in each county of the State. This competition made better equipped denominational schools imperative, for there is still demand for religious training on the part of some. The present urgent needs of the Sue Bennett School are repairs on the main building, more and larger class rooms, a modern heating plant, and a girls' dormitory.

On motion, October 4-10 was selected as the season for special prayer and thanksgiving, and it was determined to devote the collection to the repairs and improvement of Sue Bennett School. Twenty thousand dollars was fixed as the sum needed.

Mrs. Perry moved that a committee be appointed by the Chair who should be empowered to make such structural changes immediately as are needed on the main building to better provide for the comfort and safety of the school.

Carried.

The Chair appointed Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Prof. J. C. Lewis, and Mr. E. B. Eberlin.

On motion, the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Third Session.

The President opened the third session of the called meeting with devotional services.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a deficit of $1,349.91 on the report for the fiscal year ending April 1. Her report showed an increase in collection, but likewise a larger expenditure of money for current expenses.

Mrs. MacDonell moved that, in view of the depleted condition of the treasury, no new work be enterprised before the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Carried.

Communications from the North Alabama Conference Society relative to a school in the Flat Rock Mountain section were read. The General Secretary was instructed to report the action of the Board concerning opening new work to the committee from the North Alabama Conference.

The Committee on Education was also instructed to make investigation and report at the Board meeting.

The General Secretary submitted estimates of appropriations for the various schools. On motion, it was determined to make the appropriations on the same basis as those made at the last Annual Meeting of the Board until the meeting in October.

The need of more social work at Ybor City was brought out, and the Secretary was instructed to endeavor to secure a head resident for the Wolff Mission School who would conduct the work after the order of the Wesley Houses at other centers.

Plans for the house of the Principal at Ruth Hargrove Seminary were submitted and accepted.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Fourth Session.

The President called the fourth session together Saturday morning.

The devotional services were led by Miss Head.

The President ruled that the work on appropriations should be taken up.

On motion, the sum fixed for city missions was ten per cent on the amounts raised at those points where the sum expended for current expenses exceeded $720 the previous year.

The appropriation for the Department of Sociology was fixed on the basis of $720 per annum.

Appropriations for deaconess work and Board expenses were fixed at the same figures adopted at the Annual Meeting in 1908.

The Committee on Education was authorized to arrange for the faculties of the various schools for the scholastic year.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted:

"*Resolved:* 1. That Miss Bennett be added to the Building Committee heretofore appointed for Key West, and that said committee be instructed to proceed to have the Principal's house erected according to plans accepted.

"2. That this building, complete in all respects, with cistern attached, shall not exceed three thousand dollars ($3,000).

"3. That $500 shall be appropriated for an additional cistern on the school grounds.

"4. That the money for this building and improvements shall be drawn from the funds now on deposit or due from the citizens of Key West, the same to be replaced by the Board when it is ready to erect the school building for which the Week of Prayer was kept in 1906."

On motion, it was determined to place a parish visitor to work in the interest of the Board at Ybor City and that section, and that the salary be fixed at $600 a year.

Miss Head moved that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter to the National Young Women's Christian Association inviting interest in work to be done at New Orleans, the effort now being made at St. Mark's Hall, with a view to enlisting this organization in the uplift of this great Southern city.

Carried.

The following was adopted:

"Whereas we have watched with increasing concern and sympathy the continued delicate health of our dear General Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland; and whereas her term of office will expire by law at the close of the quadrennium; therefore be it

"*Resolved:* 1. That the General Secretary be instructed to communicate with her and advise her of the desire of the Board, in view of her long and faithful service, to relieve her of further work, and with her consent retire her on half salary until the close of the quadrennium.

"2. That one of the deaconesses, a trained bookkeeper, be called to Nashville and given charge of the General Treasurer's books and work until such time as the Woman's Board in annual session shall elect Mrs. Kirkland's successor."

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Misses Morehouse and Carson were introduced as pages for the morning session.

The following ministers were introduced, and gave kindly greeting:

Rev. J. H. Harman, presiding elder of the Valdosta District; Rev. Loy Warick, pastor of Epworth Church; Rev. J. B. Thrasher, pastor of Grace Church; Rev. J. W. Matthews, pastor of Trinity Church.

Bishop Hendrix, coming in at this moment, was introduced, and was gladly welcomed by the Board.

Miss Eugenia Smith, Miss Nell Rogers, Miss Cornelia Wickers, deaconess candidates, Miss Annie Mutch and Miss Traywick, deaconesses, Miss Mary Medearis, city missionary, Mrs. G. W. Matthews, President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the South Georgia Conference, and Mrs. Hitch, Second Vice President, were introduced.

The minutes of the *ad interim* meetings of the Board were referred to the committees concerned, with the action thereof recorded.

At 12:30 o'clock Dr. John E. Rice, pastor of the Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, began his first Bible study, based upon the seventh chapter of Amos: "Amos; or, Selfhood and Service." Amos is an example of the soul and the hour meeting. As each soul is the measure of the universe, the first call is to make the most of ourselves. A man must get possession of himself, be able to use himself, so that he may live rather than fumble at life. Sensitiveness to one's environment is the measure of life. When one has obtained selfdom, whatever belongs to him in the universe will come to him quickly. The obtaining of selfdom is only that one may be able to open up new worlds to helpless feet.

The hour was closed with prayer by Dr. Rice.

FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mrs. Mary B. Alexander led the opening devotional service.

At 2:50 o'clock the body was called to order by the President.

Miss Mabel Head, Associate Secretary, made report of the Department of Young People and Children's Work.

On motion, a special committee on the work for young people and children was called for, to be announced later.

The report of Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, General Treasurer, was read by Mrs. F. E. Ross, and adopted.

Miss Bennett called the roll of Conferences, one by one, to ascertain whether there had been an increase in the receipts of last year.

When New Mexico was called, Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth, President of the Northwest Texas Conference, was asked to tell of the work in that far-off Conference, where the hardships of pioneer life are the rule for Methodist preachers and their families. Mrs. Bloodworth made an earnest and telling talk.

The President called for experiences from the representatives of the various Conferences as to their plans of increasing the number of members. Many valuable suggestions were given by different members of the Board.

Upon motion of Mrs. Siler, it was decided that telegrams of love and remembrance should be sent to Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, General Treasurer, Mrs. L. P. Smith, First Vice President, and Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of Supplies, who were prevented by serious illness from attending the session. The Recording Secretary was instructed to send these messages.

Copies of the report of the General Secretary were distributed among the members of the Board, and Mrs. MacDonell read briefly extracts from the report, calling attention to the most vital points. The report was adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions was read by Miss Haskin.

Upon motion, the certificates of all the deaconesses at present in the field were renewed, and all the city missionaries at work were approved and accepted. (See report.)

Report No. 2 of the same committee was read and adopted. (See report.)

Memorials were presented as follows: From the Holston Conference, by Mrs. Sullins, from the Tennessee Conference, by Mrs. Bell; from the White River Conference, by Mrs. Atkins; from the Virginia Conference, by Mrs. Wall; from the Methodist Training School at Nashville, by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell. These were referred to the Committee on Conference Memorials.

The committees were announced as follows:

Platform Courtesies.—Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Mrs. C. H. Beard, Mrs. C. C. Elliott.

Young People and Children.—Miss Mabel Head, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss D. N. Bourne, Mrs. H. R. Singleton, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Vivian Conway, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. G. M. Broyles, Mrs. Luke Johnson.

Conference Memorials.—Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Mrs. M. B. Alexander, Mrs. C. N. Hawkins (Pacific Conference), Mrs. B. D. Bell.

Parsonages.—Mrs. George Call, Mrs. R. M. Campbell, Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Miss W. S. Atkins, Mrs. S. H. Scott, Mrs. P. A. Archer, Mrs. Rufus Brown.

Memorials for the General Conference.—Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. Frank Siler, Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Miss M. G. Gibson, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

Appropriations and Extension of Work.—Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. R. B. Callaway, Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Miss Vivian Conway, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. J. J. Dickey, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. H. R. Singleton, Miss Ada Lewis, Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. S. H. Scott, Mrs. Rufus Brown, Mrs. G. M. Broyles, Mrs. P. C. Archer, Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Mrs.

W. S. Atkins, Mrs. R. M. Campbell, Mrs. C. N. Hawkins, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. W. W. Seals, Mrs. D. F. Brown, Mrs. Bennett D. Bell, Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Mrs. H. E. Wall, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. F. E. Ross, Mrs. C. P. Fullerton, Mrs. Ross Witherspoon.

Resolutions.—Mrs. H. R. Singleton, Miss Vivian Conway, Mrs. D. N. Bourne.

The session was closed with the benediction by Dr. Rice.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

After a most profitable devotional half hour conducted by Miss Emma Tucker, with "The Lost Ax Head" as her subject, at 10:20 o'clock the Board was called to order by the President.

"O for a Closer Walk with God" was sung.

The roll was called.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Memorials were presented as follows: From the Southwest Missouri Conference Society, by Mrs. Jennie Brown; from the Texas Conference Society, by Mrs. George Call; from the North Alabama Conference Society, by Mrs. Alice Johnson; from the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell; from the Missouri Conference Society, by Mrs. MacDonell; from the Little Rock Conference Society, by Mrs. Pemberton. A resolution was offered by Mrs. Rollins, of the Northwest Texas Conference Society. These were referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The report of press work, under the guidance of Mrs. Charles Phelps, was read by the General Secretary. The report was accepted.

The report of *Our Homes* was read by Miss Helm. Her statement that there was on hand $2,000 to be turned into the general treasury was most gratifying. Upon motion, the report was accepted with a grateful Chautauqua salute to the beloved Editor and Agent. Miss Helm's report was as follows:

REPORT OF OUR HOMES FOR 1908-09.

In sending out the following report of *Our Homes*—the best in its history—I give thanks unto God and to all those who have in any way added to its success. The office force has worked faithfully and well, the Auxiliary Agents have been diligent, and the printer has done his part well. There has never been such an increase in subscriptions in one year. Almost we have reached the twenty thousand list for which the call went out last July. We will go far beyond it next year, possibly twenty-five thousand, if we work as energetically. This large growth in subscriptions has resulted of course in a larger financial statement. The paper in its new magazine form has been more expensive, yet the year closes with such a balance in bank as will make it possible for *Our Homes* to pay over $2,000 to the General Treasurer for the benefit of the connectional work. This will make a total of $3,900 given by *Our Homes* to the work of the Society outside of its expenses and invested fund of $5,000.

Balance in bank April 1, 1908		$ 1,529 72
Receipts from subscriptions April 1, 1908, to April 1, 1909		8,853 05
Interest on investments		250 00
Total		$10,632 77
Current expenses April 1, 1908, to April 1, 1909	$ 6,996 64	
Paid to Treasurer of Woman's Board of Home Missions May 5, 1908	600 00	
Total expenditures		$ 7,596 64
Balance in bank April 1, 1909		$ 3,036 13
Five $1,000 bonds		5,000 00
Total assets of *Our Homes*		$ 8,036 13

(Since the above report was made, on June 7, 1909, $2,000 was paid to Mrs. Kirkland subject to the appropriation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.)

Number of subscribers April 1, 1908	15,889
Number of subscribers April 1, 1909	19,823
Increase	3,934
Number of Record Books given as premiums	708
Number of other books given as premiums	188
Cost of premium books	$240 00

MARY HELM, *Editor and Agent.*

Number of Subscribers by Conferences.

Alabama (20)	478
Arkansas (29)	303
Baltimore (30)	283
Columbia (37)	50
Denver (38)	47
East Columbia (36)	84
Florida (10)	718
Holston (9)	755
Kentucky (22)	441
Little Rock (12)	698
Los Angeles (33)	225
Louisiana (21)	450
Louisville (25)	385
Memphis (13)	593
Mississippi (17)	511
Missouri (26)	361
Montana (39)	32
New Mexico (34)	180
North Alabama (18)	498
North Carolina (19)	492
North Georgia (4)	1,139
North Mississippi (11)	699

North Texas (3)	1,158
Northwest Texas (1)	2,138
Oklahoma (6)	841
Pacific (32)	249
St. Louis (24)	428
South Carolina (31)	273
South Georgia (5)	1,033
Southwest Missouri (14)	571
Tennessee (15)	566
Texas (2)	1,341
Virginia (27)	338
West Texas (16)	556
Western North Carolina (23)	438
Western Virginia (35)	103
White River (28)	325
Unknown	43
Total	19,823

I have examined the books of *Our Homes*, kept by Mrs. S. P. Vaughn, from April 1, 1908, to April 1, 1909, and find them correct. The checks and deposits agree with the books of the bank.

D. M. SMITH, *Auditor.*

Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Committee on Education were read by the General Secretary and accepted.

The report of the Standing Committee on By-Laws was read by Miss Helm. It was remanded to the committee for reframing.

Mrs. J. W. Perry, President of the Department of Tithing, made her report, which was accepted.

A special committee to receive recommendations was, upon motion, ordered. The President stated that this committee would be announced later.

The General Secretary read the report of Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of the Department of Supplies.

The President called for a statement from each Conference as to the number and quality of boxes sent during the year.

The Recording Secretary read the following telegram sent by her to Mrs. Yarbrough in behalf of the Board: "We miss you sorely. See Philemon fourth through seventh verse." She read also extracts from a personal letter just received from Mrs. Yarbrough, full of warm, sisterly affection for the members of the Board and breathing the spirit of unselfishness which animates all her work.

The following telegrams had also been sent: "Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Nashville, Tenn.—Warmest love and greetings. See Philippians first through seven." "Mrs. L. P. Smith, Terrell, Tex.—Loving greetings. Third Epistle of John two to six."

The following persons were introduced: Mrs. J. A. Thomas, President of the South Georgia Conference Society; Mrs. J. A. Harmon, First

Vice President; Mrs. M. R. Chance, Second Vice President; Miss Mamie Myers, Third Vice President; Mrs. Ida Rogers, Press Superintendent; Mrs. J. M. Fagan, Superintendent of Department of Supplies; Miss Sue Lyon, Superintendent of Dallas Home Mission Home and Training School; Mrs. R. B. John, President of the North Carolina Conference Society; Prof. A. W. Mohn, Principal of the Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West; Rev. Martin Herbert, of the Louisiana Conference; Mr. E. E. Bishop, of the Vashti Home; Mrs. Hume Steele, President of the Tennessee Conference Society; Miss Addie Mitchell, deaconess, from Lindale, Ga.; Mrs. W. L. Nicholson, Press Superintendent of the Western North Carolina Conference Society; Mrs. W. A. Carpenter, Second Vice President of the Florida Conference Society; Mrs. Wetherell, of Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Newman, District Secretary of Foreign Missionary Work in Florida; Miss Bessie Turnbull, Recording Secretary of the Florida Conference Society; Mrs. Sloan, District Secretary of the Florida Conference Society; Mrs. C. M. Ledbetter, President of the North Alabama Conference Society; Mrs. W. M. Scales, President of the North Mississippi Conference Society; Mrs. Temple, Treasurer of the Memphis Conference Society; Mrs. Cobb Lampkin, Press President of the North Georgia Conference Society; Mrs. J. M. Lovett, Superintendent of Tithing of the South Georgia Conference Society; Mrs. J. M. McEachern, Treasurer of the North Georgia Conference Society; Mrs. L. S. Arrington, Recording Secretary of the North Georgia Conference Society; Miss Hill, Treasurer of the Texas Conference Society.

Miss Kathleen Lewis sang, "I Know My Saviour Cares," in a way that refreshed mind and spirit.

Continuing the general topic, "The Laws of the Eternal Life," Dr. Rice, reading the first and fourth chapters of Ruth, drew from this book his study, "Ruth; or, Obligations to the Outsiders." The books of the Bible are red-hot messages sent through red-hot hearts to meet red-hot situations. A detached Bible is a religious peril. In studying any book of the Bible to ask what it meant when written is the greatest antidote to religious fads in interpreting it. Ruth gives the lesson of selfhood as related to society. Personality is a force only so far as it relates to others. Belonging to the literature of protest, Ruth presents the domestic mission problems. Its demands are threefold: (1) The foreigner shall be understood; (2) the method shall be adapted to the needs of the hour; (3) the message shall be expressed in the language of the hour. The emphasis of the Christ is not on the far to-morrow, but on to-day. The emphasis must be shifted from rescue to prevention.

This heart-searching study will bear fruit in the hearts and lives of all who heard it, and many joined in the earnest prayer with which Dr. Rice closed.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Miss Maria L. Gibson led the opening devotional service. She used Isaiah xl. 28-31 as the basis of her lesson, "The Universality of Service." Jehovah's incomprehensible greatness ministers to the needs of his servants. Human vigor at its best will not endure unremitting tension, but the scope of God's helpfulness is unlimited. His help is needed most in running, not soaring; still more is it needed in walking. God's greatness is pledged in doing the common things of life as well as in the larger things.

Miss Kathleen Lewis sang "I Know He Watches Me."

Upon motion of Mrs. Call, the action in regard to a committee to which recommendations coming from reports of departments should be referred was reconsidered, and upon motion the following additional rule was adopted governing the calendar: "Reports of standing committees and recommendations of superintendents of departments when read to the body shall go directly to the calendar."

The report of Dr. C. F. Reid, Superintendent of the Pacific Coast Work, was read by Mrs. C. N. Hawkins, of the Pacific Conference Society. It was accepted and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Extension of Work.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Deaconess Control and City Missions was read by Miss Haskin and was placed upon the calendar.

Mrs. Ross by request told of Brevard Institute, and called attention to the very creditable exhibit of class room work, and of the Industrial Department which contained specimens of sewing and lace-making. She said more room everywhere was the chief need of Brevard.

Miss Bennett, calling Mrs. Perry, Second Vice President, to the chair, made her report of mountain work. She outlined briefly and strongly the need and outlook of the Sue Bennett Memorial School, stating that there is at present a student body of 175, with a music class of 65 still growing. Professor Mohn, of the Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, formerly a member of the faculty at London, was asked to testify to the merits of the school and its students. He stated that nowhere in all his experience had he found more alert minds, more uncontaminated hearts and characters than in the students at London. Miss Bennett, after speaking of the needs and purposes and present status of Brevard Institute, asked Mr. Bishop to add something to her presentation. It was good to see that Mr. Bishop had not lost his interest in Brevard, though called to leadership in another enterprise. Miss Bennett read a letter from Professor Trowbridge, in which he stated that the Western North Carolina Annual Conference had raised a good sum for the school. Several members of the Board testified as to the quality of work done at Brevard and the fine spirit of the workers there.

Prof. A. W. Mohn, Principal of Ruth Hargrove Seminary, made a gratifying report of that institution. It had suffered comparatively

little loss in the recent disastrous hurricane which had visited the island.

Mrs. Luke Johnson read a letter from Miss Fox, of the faculty, giving an account of the experiences through which the inmates of the seminary passed during the hurricane, and expressing gratitude for the spirit of peace and trust that had held teachers and pupils in those hours of peril.

Miss Bennett and Miss Head told of their impressions of the school when they visited it in the spring. Miss Head spoke of the distinctively religious atmosphere of the household. She urged that prayer be made for all the teachers in all the schools and for the workers everywhere.

By request Mr. Mohn told of the work and influence of Donna Mesa, the Cuban protégé, who, coming into the care of the school in the times of the Reconcentrados, has come to be the cultured product of the seminary training, and is now pursuing a college course at Central College, Lexington, Mo., getting ready for missionary work in her own loved island. Mrs. MacDonell bore testimony to the lovely Christian character of this young woman. Mrs. Siler expressed the appreciation of the Board of the fact that the former Principal, Miss Emily Reid, had made possible this larger opportunity for Donna, and told how Ricardo Barrios, a young Cuban, trained for two years in the seminary, had gone to Candler College and was now a useful member of the Cuban Mission Conference. It was good to know that Miss Reid's work had abided.

Miss Bennett announced that a precious gift had lately come into the homes of the Principals of Brevard Institute, Vashti Home, and Ruth Hargrove Seminary, and she wished the body to make these little ones life members of the Woman's Home Mission Society. The money was quickly given, and ran several dollars over the thirty dollars required.

Prof. E. E. Bishop gave the needs of the Vashti Home and told of its management. Mrs. Thomas, Miss Helm, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Siler, and Miss Mutch gave testimony to the invaluable work accomplished by the Home in different sections of the country by bringing within its loving shelter girls needing the tender care and wise training there provided. Mrs. Rollins, of Northwest Texas, stated that she would become responsible for a girl at Vashti. As her own daughter would this year finish her college course, she wished to open the door of opportunity to some other mother's daughter.

Mrs. Beard presented in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Wesley Monumental Church a chip from the Wesley Oak and pen staves made from a tree in Jerusalem brought home by some traveler from the East. Mrs. J. W. Perry in a graceful way accepted these gifts in behalf of the Society.

By vote of the Board two resolutions presented by Mrs. J. J. Dickey were placed upon the calendar.

An invitation to visit Tybee Island on Monday afternoon was accepted with thanks for the beautiful courtesy.

The session was closed with the benediction by Rev. J. B. Thrasher.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

After the devotional half hour, conducted by Miss Tucker, the session was called to order at 10:15 o'clock with Miss Bennett in the chair.

The roll was called.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

By request of the President all officers and delegates retired for an executive meeting. Mrs. R. C. Neely, formerly President of the South Georgia Conference Society, was asked to take the chair while Miss Addie Mitchell, deaconess from Lindale, and Miss Annie Mutch, deaconess from Spartanburg, told of their work.

At 11 o'clock the Board resumed its regular business session.

Upon motion, the time of handing in resolutions upon any subject needing committee action was extended to Tuesday morning.

The report of the Department of Sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School read by Miss Mabel Howell was most earnest and gratifying. It was accepted, and its recommendation in regard to a domestic science kitchen for the Training School was placed upon the calendar.

Dr. Rice spoke with enthusiasm of the efficiency of the workers sent to him who had been trained in the school in Kansas City.

Miss Helm made her report as a member of the Interdenominational Reading Course Committee. It was accepted.

REPORT FOR INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSION STUDY COURSE.

This committee has proved the seed thought of a tree that now has many branches, which we trust will bear fine fruit in home mission work. Beginning with a course of study adopted by a few denominations, there presently grew up the necessity of holding Summer Conferences where leaders might be trained for teaching the books issued by the committee, and a Committee on Summer Conferences was formed. Eight books have been published—one book a year for the last eight years—and these have been taught at a growing number of Summer Conferences. The book of last year, "The Call of the Waters," by Miss Katharine Crowell, has reached a sale of twenty thousand volumes, and was studied at five Conferences. This year's book, "From Darkness to Light: The Story of Negro Progress," has been taught at six Conferences, and there are indications of as good a sale as its predecessor.

The largest development was manifested in the organization through these committees of the Council of Women for Home Missions in December, 1908, in which nine Women's Boards are united. The object of this organization is to secure coöperation along the following lines:

1. Home Mission Summer Conferences.

2. Home Mission Study Classes in schools and colleges and in Conferences other than those arranged by Women's Missionary Societies.

3. Interdenominational text-books for Home Mission Study Classes.
4. Interdenominational literature.
5. Interdenominational day of prayer.
6. Coöperation at home.
7. Comity on the field.

All that is proposed by this Council is good; but possibly one of the new features should be specially noted—*i. e.*, comity on the field—which should result in preventing the hurtful overlapping that has in some sections proved a hindrance to mission work.

MARY HELM, *Chairman;*
MABEL HEAD.
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL.

The report of the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference was read by Miss Helm and placed upon the calendar.

The report which had been recommitted to the Committee on By-Laws was read by Miss Helm and, upon motion, adopted.

A resolution presented by Mrs. Rollins, expressing the wishes of the Board to the Commission on the Unification of the Missionary Boards appointed at the last General Conference, was placed upon the calendar.

Miss Sue Lyon read a report of the Dallas Mission Home and Training School. In introducing her Miss Bennett stated the providential circumstances under which Miss Lyon received the call to this most delicate and difficult work of the Church. Miss Lyon, beginning her talk with the oft-repeated but ever-to-be-emphasized adage of all philanthropic work, "Prevention is better than cure," made an irresistible appeal for the sixty girls for whom this institution cares and whom it seeks to train for efficient service. Inquiries were made as to the present status of the property, revealing that it was not yet wise to erect the new building for which the proceeds of the Week of Prayer in 1908 had been given.

Mrs. Siler spoke of Mrs. Johnson's regretted absence from the Board, and moved that a telegram be sent to her conveying the love and sympathy of the Board, and suggested that Isaiah xl. 3-5 be the burden of the telegram as expressing the optimistic spirit which had ever animated this great-hearted woman. Mrs. Archer stated that Mrs. Johnson was necessarily absent from the Board, and regretted deeply that she could not attend the session.

Miss Emma Tucker told of how she was led years ago, step by step, in rescue work, and of the gracious leadings that had brought her and Miss Tina Tucker at last to add their gift in making possible the larger equipment for the Dallas Home and School.

Miss Lyon spoke gratefully of the blessed influence of Miss Tina Tucker in the Home during the year.

By request of Miss Bennett, Rev. G. W. Matthews led in special prayer for Mrs. Johnson and Miss Tina Tucker.

An invitation to visit the Telfair Academy of Arts and Science was accepted with thanks.

Dr. Rice gave his third Bible study, "Jonah; or, Self-Expression and Salvation." The book of Jonah lies nearest to the New Testament, and is closely related to the parable of the prodigal son. In order to complete salvation, self-expression is necessary. Jonah is a restless soul at war with a duty. Anybody that knows must go to anybody that doesn't know. A message is a message plus the area of the soul that delivers it. God's call is relentless, is neglected at one's peril, is reenforced by the responsiveness of the normal soul, and confiscates in its ongoing the outgrown life. Jonah was without the courage of his vision, but was reached by his personal attachment. Thus the finite being can come to interpret the infinite heart of love.

FOURTH DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

After Miss Tucker's Bible lesson Tuesday morning the President called the body to order at 10:20 o'clock.

The roll was called.

The minutes of Monday's session were read and approved.

The rules of order and the calendar rules were read by the Secretaries.

A resolution presented by Mrs. Ross, of the Western North Carolina Conference Society, asking that the proceeds of the Week of Prayer in 1910 should be given to Brevard Institute, was referred to the Committee on Conference Memorials. Another resolution presented by Mrs. Ross was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A memorial presented by Mrs. J. J. Dickey was referred to the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference.

A memorial presented by Mrs. Sullins was, upon motion, placed upon the calendar.

Miss Mabel Howell, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy, read the report, and it was sent to the calendar.

A resolution by Mrs. Bourne, of South Carolina, was referred to the Committee on Literature and Press Work.

Miss Haskin, Editor of Leaflets, read her report, which was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Conference Memorials read by Mrs. T. A. Brown was placed upon the calendar.

A recommendation from the Superintendent of Tithing asking that the fourth Sunday in February be set apart as a day especially devoted to the interests of that department was read from the calendar and upon motion was adopted.

Four items coming as recommendations from Miss Head's report in regard to various plans for auxiliary societies were read from the calendar. Item 1 was adopted as amended; Item 2 was adopted as amended; Item 3 was lost; Item 4 was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted as amended.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Mis-

sions was read. Item No. 1 was adopted. Item No. 2, in regard to removing the stipend of the deaconesses and substituting a salary, called for earnest and prolonged discussion. Upon motion, this item was tabled.

The following persons were introduced: Mrs. F. A. Lyons, of the Louisiana Conference; Mrs. White, of Savannah, great-great-granddaughter of George Whitefield; Mrs. Blount, District Secretary of the Dublin District; Mrs. Dean, of the Waycross District; Mrs. Harrell, of the McRae District; Mrs. Clower, of the Thomasville District; Mrs. Shearhouse, of the Savannah District; Mrs. Chapman, President of the Holston Conference Society; Mrs. Haun, District Secretary in the Holston Conference; Mrs. Godley, of the North Alabama Conference; Mrs. Duff, District Secretary of the St. Louis District, St. Louis Conference; Mrs. Appleby, District Secretary of the Springfield District, Southwest Missouri Conference Society; Mrs. Girand, Superintendent of the Crittenden Mission, of Savannah; Mrs. Hill, District Secretary in the Alabama Conference. The Superintendent of Paine Annex, Miss Ellen Young, was also presented to the body.

Dr. Rice gave his noon Bible lesson, "Vision and Life," based upon the seventh chapter of Isaiah. The spiritual universe was revealed to Isaiah behind the symbols with which he was familiar. The levels of our living are the levels of our vision. Isaiah realized (1) God, (2) himself, (3) conditions, and then he saw the remedy. In one flash he was able to readjust values. Vision confiscates comfort for service. It is the costliest thing a man can have and costly to any community to heed the man who has the courage to "follow the gleam." But for the things that we sought we could never be what we are. Moses, who "endured as seeing him who is invisible," was the lonely mountain climber, only seeing, not getting; but his name is joined with that of the Lamb of God in the song which the hosts of the redeemed are to sing.

FOURTH DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President called the body to order at 2:40 o'clock. The first part of the session was devoted to a memorial service in honor of those official workers who had fallen on sleep during the year: Mrs. S. H. Babcock, Corresponding Secretary of the White River Conference Society; Mrs. J. J. Murph, Corresponding Secretary of the South Georgia Conference Society; Miss Mae McKenzie, deaconess at Crossett, Ark.; Bishop Charles B. Galloway and Bishop Seth Ward.

At the close of this service the business was resumed.

The teacher of industries at Paine Annex gave a simple, strong presentation of the work and aims of the school. She suggested the difficulties that hinder negro girls in attaining character, and pleaded for the sympathetic coöperation of the women of a superior race.

She stated that there was no right-minded negro, man or woman, who desires social equality, but pleaded for the help that could come from the higher level to those less fortunate.

The report was accepted.

Miss Bennett spoke in commendation of the work at Paine Annex.

Upon motion of Mrs. Atkins, the little granddaughter of Mrs. Babcock, the baby of Mrs. Wallace Greenhaw, Marianna, Ark., was made a life member of the Society.

The meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. N. E. Joyner.

FIFTH DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

After Miss Tucker's Bible-reading Wednesday morning at 10:20 o'clock, the President called the body to order. She read the hymn, "O Love that will not let me go," and after it was sung led in prayer.

The Secretary called the roll.

The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Conference Memorials went to the calendar.

Rev. Martin Hebert, of the Louisiana Conference, missionary to the French, told of the needs and the promise of that vast, undeveloped field of Protestant missionary effort. One of the most promising things told in his talk was that a possible deaconess candidate had lately developed from among her own people.

At the close of his talk Miss Bennett emphasized the needs of the people in Mr. Hebert's vast parish.

Prof. J. W. Gilbert, of Paine College, was presented to the body and told of his work as agent in collecting funds to help secure the amount promised by the General Board of Education in New York for the equipment of the Annex belonging to the Woman's Board of Home Missions at Paine College. He expressed his personal gratitude and that of his people for the wise and kind help that the Board was giving to uplift the women of his race. He expressed his profound conviction that the Southern people had been, and were still, the truest friends to the negro, and gave it as his opinion that Miss Helm's book, "From Darkness to Light," was the best book written in fifteen years upon the difficult problems of the negro race.

At the conclusion of his sane, sensible plea for the best equipment possible for Paine Annex Miss Bennett paid a beautiful tribute to Professor Waics, a gifted Vanderbilt man, who has lately given himself to the work in Paine College, believing that Africa at his own door needs the gospel of self-sacrifice as much as darkest Africa itself. Mrs. MacDonell made a statement as to the funds in the treasury for the Annex, and Miss Bennett told that the gifts she had secured for this institution had been given to her in answer to prayer.

The memorial to the General Conference asking that steps be taken to secure to the women of the Church the rights of the laity was read the second time.

Mrs. Siler called for a season of prayer that, as Miss Bennett had asked in her opening prayer, the body might be guided into doing God's will, nothing more, nothing less.

Mrs. R. B. John, Mr. Elliott, Dr. Rice, and Miss Tucker, at Miss Bennett's request, led in earnest prayer.

Upon motion, the ayes and noes were called for. The vote was as follows: Miss Bennett, aye; Mrs. J. W. Perry, no; Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, aye; Miss Mabel Head, aye; Mrs. Frank Siler, aye; Miss Mary Helm, aye. Miss Maria L. Gibson asked to be excused from voting on account of her official connection with the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Mrs. R. B. Callaway, no; Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, no; Miss Vivian Conway, aye; Mrs. W. F. Alexander, aye; Mrs. W. B. Sullins, no; Mrs. J. J. Dickey, aye; Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, aye; Mrs. H. R. Singleton, aye; Miss Ada Lewis, aye; Mrs. Ross Witherspoon, absent; Mrs. B. F. Lewis, aye; Mrs. M. S. Palmer, aye; Mrs. Alice Johnson, aye; Mrs. S. H. Scott, aye; Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, aye; Mrs. Ellen Broyles, aye; Mrs. P. C. Archer, aye; Mrs. N. J. Rollins, aye; Mrs. R. M. Camel, aye; Mrs. C. N. Hawkins, aye; Mrs. D. N. Bourne, aye; Mrs. W. W. Seals, aye; Mrs. D. F. Brown, aye; Mrs. B. D. Bell, no; Mrs. George Call, aye; Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, aye; Mrs. H. E. Wall, aye; Mrs. T. A. Brown, aye; Mrs. J. E. Ross, aye; Mrs. C. P. Fullerton, aye; Mrs. W. S. Atkins, no—resulting in six noes and twenty-nine ayes. A motion prevailed to put this memorial into the hands of the President and the General Secretary for presentation to the General Conference. Upon motion, Miss Helm was given the right to sign the memorial.

The resolution instructing the representatives of the Woman's Board of Home Missions on the commission appointed by the General Conference was read. Miss Head offered the following substitute, which, upon motion, was adopted:

Whereas the General Conference has appointed a commission to consider the coöperation or unification of the missionary interests of the Church, of which commission the President and General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions are members; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that for the best interests of the missionary work of the Church this organization should maintain its present autonomy, and that we so instruct our representatives to communicate our desires to the Commission on Unification or Coöperation.

A greeting from Central Church, Hot Springs, was read, containing an invitation to the Board to hold its next annual session there.

One verse of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," was sung.

The Bible study by Dr. Rice was deferred to an afternoon hour.

Dr. Rice pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:45 o'clock the session was opened with Miss Bennett in the chair.

Miss Kathleen Lewis sang a solo.

Rev. J. M. Lovett led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Rev. J. M. Lovett, presiding elder of the Savannah District, was introduced and gave a pleasant greeting.

The following reports were placed on the calendar: Report No. 1 from the Department of Young People's Work, read by Miss Head; Report No. 4 of the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions, read by Miss Haskin; report of the Committee on Parsonages, read by Mrs. B. F. Lewis; Report No. 2 of the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference, read by Miss Helm.

Dr. Rice gave his last Bible study, "The Personal Religion of Jesus."

The personal religion of Jesus manifested itself in a filial attitude toward God and a fraternal attitude toward his fellow-men. His prayer life was constant. He prayed alone, with his disciples, in a crowd, in the stress and tension of life, and as he approached a great duty or an impending crisis. He took courage in fresh touch with God. We find in his prayers, first, adoration, then thanksgiving, and last supplication, which was the outcome of his immediate need. Thanksgiving was always the first and dominant note. So it ought to be with us.

The members of the Board, refreshed and strengthened by the high lessons of the Bible study, came back to their work with renewed spirit.

"I Love to Tell the Story" was sung.

The following reports were placed upon the calendar: Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension and Appropriations, read by Mrs. Archer; Report No. 2, read by Mrs. Sullins; Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education, read by Mrs. MacDonell.

The hour having arrived for deciding the place for the next Annual Meeting of the Board, the following invitations were extended: From West End Church, Nashville, by Mrs. B. D. Bell; from St. John's Church, St. Louis, by Mrs. C. N. Hawkins; from Los Angeles, Cal., by Mrs. C. M. Hawkins; from Fort Smith, Ark., by Mrs. F. M. Tolleson; from First Church, Huntsville, Ala., invitation brought by Miss Bennett. Nashville, securing the largest number of votes, was, upon motion, selected unanimously.

The report of the Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy was read Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 were adopted seriatim. The report as a whole was adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Conference Memorials was adopted. Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

As Dr. Rice was retiring from the auditorium he was given a Chautauqua salute, and "God be with you till we meet again" was sung.

Upon motion, it was decided that April, 1910, should be the time for holding the next annual session of the Board.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Conference Memorials was, upon motion, tabled.

The motion was adopted calling for a standing committee to work out by the next session of the Board some plan by which the parsonage departments could be placed in the hands of the First Vice President of the Board, if after investigation it was decided best to relieve the General Secretary of that work.

Mrs. Aycock Godley, of the North Alabama Conference Society, who had given $4,500 to the Board, was asked to speak on the annuity funds. She spoke of the advantage of investing in the Home Mission Society, where sure and safe dividends of six per cent are paid on all funds turned over to the Board.

Mrs. R. B. John, of North Carolina, by the President's request gave an interesting plan for local work in her Conference, telling of helpful results from magnifying the office of the Conference First Vice President.

Upon motion, it was decided that a business session should be held in the evening.

Rev. Charles Cooke, pastor of the Church at Adel, was presented to the body, and he closed the afternoon session with the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

At 8:45 o'clock Wednesday evening the President called the body to order. She read the hymn, "Break thou the bread of life to me, dear Lord," and after the song led in prayer.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Young People's and Children's Work was read. Item 1 was lost, reconsidered, and, upon motion, adopted. Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, upon motion, were adopted seriatim. The report as a whole was adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Memorials to the Generel Conference and a resolution in regard to the Bulletin were read and placed upon the calendar.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Deaconess Control and City Missions was read. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

The Committee on Parsonages made its report. Items 1, 2, and 4 were adopted. Item 3 was stricken from the report. The report as a whole was adopted.

A special Standing Committee on the Parsonage Department was an-

nounced as follows: Mrs. George Call, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. B. F. Lewis.

The session adjourned at 10:15 with the benediction by Mr. Elliott.

SIXTH DAY'S SESSION.

The devotional service was led by Miss Mabel Howell, who gave John vii. 17 as the basis of her lesson on "Obedience." The obedient will is the key to spiritual knowledge. Obedience brings fuller revelation of God; it is the gateway to the abiding life, the way to a prayer life of power, and the avenue through which the Holy Spirit may come into the human spirit. "Obedience is the price of power, as love is the measure of service."

After the hymn, "A charge to keep I have," at 10 A.M. the President called the body to order.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Report No. 5 of the Committee of Deaconess Work and City Missions was read. Upon motion, the delayed reports of committees were allowed to go to the calendar.

A resolution defining the sphere of a departmental superintendent was, upon motion, adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension of Work was read. Items 1, 2, and 4 were recommitted; Items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 were adopted. Report No. 3 of the same committee was read and placed on the calendar. Report No. 2 of the same committee was read. Items 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 were adopted; Item 4 was amended by appropriating to Paine Annex $300 for repairs. The report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was taken from the calendar. A motion prevailed to consider it as a whole, and it was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference was read. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. (See report.)

A resolution was introduced in regard to discontinuing the Bulletin. Mrs. W. L. Nicholson, of Charlotte, was given the privilege of the floor. A substitute, which was, upon motion, adopted, was offered by Mrs. Callaway, of Alabama, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Bulletin shall give us vital information from all departments of our home mission work, and that it be edited at our general office in Nashville."

The following resolution was, upon motion, adopted:

"Whereas it is our general policy to divide our work into departments; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That the combined work of our educational institutions

be known as the Department of Education, the same to consist of a committee of three, the chairman of which shall be the superintendent of the department."

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions was read. Upon motion, it was adopted by items and as a whole. (See report.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Extension of Work and Appropriations was read and, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Upon motion, Report No. 5 of the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions was reconsidered. A motion prevailed to amend by striking out the last clause in the last item. The report was, upon motion, adopted as amended. (See report.)

The Committee on Appropriations and Extension of Work brought in the recommitted items, and they were, upon motion, adopted and the report as a whole adopted as amended. (See report.)

Mrs. G. A. Duff, of St. Louis, was requested to tell of the work of the Kingdom House. This she did in a way that drew interest and sympathy. She spoke also of the work lately enterprised in the Lead Belt region. Mrs. H. R. Singleton, of Louisiana, called attention to the fact that a Louisiana man had begun the Sloan Mission, which had grown into the Kingdom House.

Mrs. Singleton read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which, upon motion, was adopted by a rising vote.

Miss Bennett stated that she thought the session of the Board just closing had been the best in its history.

The appointments of the deaconesses and city missionaries were read by the President. Reading from the Master's commission to his disciples, Miss Bennett, stressing the truth that "whosoever loseth his life shall save it," gave a strong, tender exhortation to the young women. She emphasized the value of each worker in the eye of the Master and the necessity of the place of prayer in times of stress. She urged communion as often as possible with health-giving, soul-resting nature; the necessity of keeping abreast of the times in order to know what God is doing and to know what the people know, or ought to know; the wisdom of intensive, carefully wrought work, and the final duty of "keeping sweet." She asked Mrs. Siler to lead in prayer for the outgoing workers and for those already in the field.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary, gave certificates to the following new deaconesses: Miss Eugenia Smith, Miss Nell Rogers, Miss Cornelia Wickers.

The following were elected: Miss Mary Helm, Editor and Agent of *Our Homes;* Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of the Department of Supplies; Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Superintendent of the Department of Literature; Miss Estelle Haskin and Mrs. G. A. Duff, members of the Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy; Miss Head, member of

the Committee on Education; Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. B. D. Bell, and Mrs. W. B. Sullins, members of the Committee on By-Laws.

The members of the Council of Women for Home Missions elected in an *ad interim* meeting of the Board were elected to serve until the next session of the Board. Mrs. R. M. Campbell, of Oklahoma, was nominated in place of Mrs. H. S. Bradley. The members are as follows: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. R. B. John, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. George Call, Mrs. R. W. Campbell.

Mrs. Stanley, visitor from South Carolina, asked the privilege of telling what a blessing the meeting of the Board had been to her.

Dr. Elliott, pastor of Wesley Monumental Church, gave expression to the exceeding sense of profit gained by himself and his people from the session of the Board, as they had grown more familiar and sympathetic with every phase of national and especially of Southern problems since attendance upon the meetings.

Mrs. Jarrell, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, spoke pleasant words of appreciation.

Miss Bennett read the hymn, "O Master, let me walk with thee."

After the singing of this Dr. Elliott led in earnest prayer and pronounced the benediction.

The eleventh annual session of the Woman's Board of Home Missions stood adjourned.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, *President;*
Mrs. Frank Siler, *Recording Secretary*

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Miss Belle H. Bennett.

To the Members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and to All the Women of the M. E. Church, South.

In view of the momentous fact that the General Conference of 1906 appointed a commission of nine men and four women to consider the question of unification or coöperation of all the missionary interests of the Church, including the Board of Church Extension, and that this commission must make a report of its deliberations and plan at the approaching General Conference in May, 1910, I come to you in this annual message with the burden of a single thought.

Thirty-two years ago the General Conference in session at Atlanta, Ga., authorized the organization of a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Church, and gave it constitutional authority for the management of the money it raised, the missionaries sent out, and the property acquired. The women of the congregations, who were then, as now, paying their pro rata as Church members to the General Board of Missions, accepted slowly but with a continually increasing interest the great responsibility and labor put upon them. A wise and devoted leadership was chosen, and a great forward movement in missions began.

Auxiliaries were organized and instructed in every possible pastoral charge. Prayer circles were formed; and through the programs, which were carefully prepared and sent out for use at every monthly meeting, God's plan for the redemption of the whole world as set forth in his Word burned itself into the heart of the womanhood of the Church, and the prophecy of the Psalmist, "The Lord giveth the word, and the women that publish the tidings are a great host," was fulfilled.

A united student body of women and children, eager to know the history, geography, religious and social life of heathen lands, became an active factor in Church and community life. Public meetings were held at stated intervals in Conferences, districts, and individual churches, and thousands of well-written, well-selected pages of literature were scattered quarterly throughout the Church.

A Missionary and Bible-Training School was established, and the women who offered themselves as candidates for foreign work were given two years of special training and testing before they were accepted and sent to the mission fields. In foreign lands schools and hospitals were established and maintained, valuable property was acquired, and all the forms of missionary activity open to Christian women conducted with signal ability.

Ten years later an urgent need in the Church at home made a de-

mand on the women for a second organized effort. More than half of the pastors in Southern Methodism were homeless, and those Churches which paid the smallest salaries and most needed the parsonages were without them. The General Conference responded to the demand by authorizing another Woman's Society, to be known as the Woman's Department of Church Extension. Again the women of the Church, and largely the same women, although called upon annually to meet an assessment for Church extension, slowly but loyally accepted the additional responsibility and labor, and another great department of Church service was inaugurated.

The Society grew slowly, however, and there was a spirit of unrest and discontent in the ranks of the membership that could not be ignored. The women were willing to aid in building homes for those who ministered to the people in the things of God, but they had caught the vision of a wider field; and having had the development and the management of their own work in the Foreign Missionary Society, they were not content to become an advisory adjunct, collecting money to be expended by another Board.

Notwithstanding this, a good work was done and many parsonages were built and aided. Dr. Morton, the first General Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, stated in one of his annual reports that during the first five years of this movement more parsonages were built in Southern Methodism than in all of the first fifty years of Methodism in this country. But true life means expansion, and by a natural process of evolution the Woman's Department of Church Extension became the Woman's Home Mission Society.

A new and thoroughly liberal constitution was given by another General Conference, thereby infusing a new life, a new spirit into the second woman's organization.

The plan of work adopted by the leaders of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was adopted and a systematic study and investigation of conditions in the home land began. As the auxiliaries, the Conferences, and the Executive Board studied the life of the people in the mountain fastnesses, the congested quarters of the cities, in the towns and villages, the mining and lumber camps, the cotton mills and the rural sections, as they read and talked of the hordes of incoming illiterate immigrants and saw the dark faces of the alien race that looked daily into theirs for hope and help, the parable of the good Samaritan became the living word of God to them; and beside the great Student Volunteer motto, "The evangelization of the world in this generation," they placed the Home Mission slogan, "Save America to save the world."

A new literature flooded the Church. A study was made of the facts and conditions concerning the city slums, child criminals and how they were made, infant mortality and its chief causes, fallen women and the world-wide traffic in young girls, civic righteousness, the laws of

sanitation as related to housing the poor, disease, crime, and poverty; and the information thus gained was printed in different forms and scattered broadcast through the congregations. New schools with special aims were established and maintained. Rescue Homes, Doors of Hope, and modern missionary institutions, with all of their varied social, industrial, and religious activities, were planted in the cities and towns, and the trained deaconess became an active, integral part of Church life.

As knowledge and responsibility have increased, so have the love and liberality of the women, and for the past two years these two women's societies, representing less than one-tenth of the membership of the Church, have given for missions annually about four hundred thousand dollars, a sum equal to nearly two-thirds of the total amount given by the entire membership of the Church.

Through the growth in grace and knowledge of these women and through their manifold activities at home and abroad the Church is girding herself for a mighty, united effort to make Jesus Christ the Ruler of all lands. A new era is upon us. The Church must go forward; she cannot, will not stand still. If I know the minds of the missionary women throughout the field (and I think I do), any disturbance of the autonomy of the Woman's Missionary Societies, more especially any annulment of the administrative rights with which they have been vested in their Executive Boards for the last thirty-two years, will bring about such a disturbance of relationships in the Church as Methodism has never known. It will so shake the confidence and loyalty of the women that the decrease in missionary collections will result in nothing short of disaster for the work at home and abroad.

Twenty years ago memorials were sent into the General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church asking for the removal of the restrictive law which prohibited women from being full lay members of the Church. Of course there was opposition, and some thoroughly honest opposition; for no progressive movement has ever had the sanction of all the people. But the question was remanded to the Conferences for a vote, according to the law, and the demand was granted by a good majority.

No great calamity has befallen either men or women because of this enlargement of woman's duties and liberties, and by every token the Lord still loves and leads that great division of his militant Methodist army. At its last Annual Conference the Wesleyan Church of England remanded the same question to its Synods, with the prospect of an overwhelming affirmative vote.

Has not the fullness of God's time come for this same enlargement of the rights and privileges of the women of the Southern Methodist Church? Have we not manifested both our ability and our readiness for the responsibility of full lay membership in the Church? Shall

we not seek it? All over the land in local Church affairs the pastors, assisted by a few godly women, are doing the official work of the Churches, while the legal officers give their time and strength to exacting private or public business. Is this right or wise? If these same women were associated in office with the men by the law of the Church, would they not almost surely win or provoke them to a larger interest in Church affairs, just as they do in home affairs?

Is it not also a very evident fact that the active participation of the women in the Church work through the missionary societies has brought to a larger number of women than men a broader knowledge of the whole Church life, its organization, management, institutions, and trend of thought? Has it not done for them, in fact, what it is hoped the Laymen's Movement and the Methodist Brotherhood will do for the men? Can we doubt that this knowledge and its accompanying sense of responsibility have developed the women to the point that they are fitted for legal representation not only in the Quarterly Conference, but in the higher Conferences, wherever and in whatever capacity the laymen have a place and part?

The women of this Board are the leaders of the great body of women who make up the auxiliaries in the individual Churches. These women expect you to act for them in every forward movement. To you is left not only the expression of their openly avowed sentiments or convictions, but to you is left the interpretation of that larger and deeper inner life which they have not yet formulated in words or proclaimed in action. This is what leadership means.

The great apostle in his letter to the Churches of Galatia says: "There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female: for ye all are one in Christ Jesus."

May the Spirit of God move this Board to send a memorial, signed by its every member, to the coming General Conference, urging that the women of the Church be granted all the rights and privileges of the laity in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South!

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.

The results of the work of our Woman's Home Mission Society for the fiscal year 1908-09, as compared with that of other years, shows growth, and furnishes some little ground for encouragement. As compared with the work that must be done, or the opportunities that might have been embraced, who shall say how efficient have been our efforts or how gratifying the results?

When we recall that only 86,343 of the 900,000 women and children of the Church are enlisted in this effort for the mental, social, and spiritual uplift of our people, we realize that the victory, if it comes through the Church, must come, not because of largeness of effort, but because of the intelligent, consecrated, efficient zeal of the few. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me" is a conditional assurance of victory which challenges the Church to constructive social activity and applied religion. That force which comes nearest being the home of every good movement and uplifting influence has accepted the challenge, and is revealing the power of the Christ to meet every human need. Can the Church, with its divine commission of redemption, fail to be this force? And yet how meager must be results, and how long delayed the victory, if He must wait for the whole body of the Church to have part in this redemption! How nearly can the Woman's Home Mission Society hasten the victory when nine-tenths of the women and children have no part in this great work! The report of the Woman's Home Mission Society, therefore, gives the record of work done by only one-tenth of the women and children of the Church. The report is not mean when this fact is remembered.

The following statistics show the present status of the organization and its growth during the year:

	Auxiliaries.	Increase.	Members.	Increase
Adult	3,336	705	65,060	7,280
Young People	177	39	3,961	713
Brigades	1,041	725	17,319	6,017
Total	4,554	1,469	86,340	14,010

It will be noted that there was a net gain of 705 Adult Auxiliaries and 39 Young People's Societies. The Conferences showing the great-

est growth of adult members were the Northwest Texas, Texas, Florida, North Mississippi, and Western North Carolina. The three months' campaign in Texas by the Associate Secretary no doubt helped materially with the gains of those Conferences.

The collections for the year show:

Dues	$ 60,187 42
Specials	66,486 10
Loan Fund	269 00
Educational Endowment	151 45
Total	$127,093 97
Reported by voucher	40,724 53
Total for connectional work	$167,818 50
Local work	283,428 44
Grand total	$451,246 94

This means an increase in cash collections of $9,049.34; of city missions, per voucher, $10,859.55; total increase, $19,808.89.

The 1,309 Auxiliaries reported as observing the Week of Prayer collected $12,927 for the greatly needed new building at Ann Browder Home and School, Dallas, Tex. The selection of a specific object to which this collection must be directed grows in popularity. One hundred and eighteen more Auxiliaries joined in this united season of prayer and thanksgiving than have ever done so in the past, while the collection exceeds that of the past by $817.97.

LOCAL WORK.

The local work has been most efficiently handled this year. Reports show visits to sick and strangers, 427,768; cottage prayer meetings, 11,145; garments in good condition, 158,779; expended on local work, $283,428.44. With the exception of the money expended on the local parsonages, $94,634.44, the whole cash collection was distributed among the needy. Through this local work an effort is made to train our women in efficient relief service by holding them responsible for the material betterment of every family and individual within their Church membership. Through this local work the pastors find an organized force ready to carry forward the best interests of the Churches.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The gain among young people is not alone in the 713 members added, but also in keener interest than heretofore. The Brigades have almost leaped into organization, and number 6,017 more Brigades than last

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DEACONESSES CONSECRATED AT KANSAS CITY, MO., MAY 16, 1909.

Front row, beginning at the left: Miss Nanette Hudson, Miss Myrtie Long, Miss Mae Shelton.
Back row: Miss Frances Scott, Miss Willena Henry, Miss Cora Borchers, Miss Zadie Royalty.

DEACONESSES CONSECRATED AT NASHVILLE, TENN., JUNE 6, 1909.

MISS MABEL WHEELER,
Birmingham, Ala.

MISS RHODA DRAGOO,
Manatee, Fla.

MISS CONSTANCE PALMORE,
Lynchburg, Va.

MISS JENNIE DUCKER,
Hopkinsville, Ky.

MISS GRACE HEMPNWAY,
Wheatley, Ark.

year. Their collection of $3,824.89 is an increase of $506.30. This year's increase is not so much by $34.34 as the net gain was last year, notwithstanding their growth in numbers. The Baby Roll added 2,187 to its number during the year, and raised by enrollment fees and mite boxes $3,273.44.

PARSONAGES.

The parsonages helped last year were:

By the Board	32	$ 4,283 78
By Conference Societies	165	21,524 00
Total	197	$25,807 78

These gifts exceed by $5,875.56 those of previous years. Several of these gifts were made to cotton mill districts by some of the older Conferences.

Not a small factor in the missionary operations of the Church is the work done through the Parsonage Department of the Woman's Home Mission Society. Particularly is this true of our growing Western country and Southern cotton mill districts. The Woman's Home Mission Society has often made it possible for an appointment of a pastor to such communities by appropriations which enabled him to build at once, or so encouraged the people as to spring them to effort.

There are 4,829 parsonages in the Church, and the Woman's Home Mission Society has made 2,391 appropriations to these, amounting to $235,186.88, since 1886, when the General Conference called the women to this work.

It is interesting to note the value of the connectional spirit of the Church as shown by a few comparisons in those Conferences where the work is new or the territory is just being opened. The record shows that the Columbia Conference has sixteen parsonages within its bounds, while thirty-four appropriations, amounting to $5,197.34, have been made by the Woman's Home Mission Society. The Conference Society has raised since its organization only $2,927.46. The Denver Conference has sixteen parsonages, and has had twenty-eight appropriations, amounting to $2,968.95, while the Conference Society's total collection since its organization has been $2,806.55. The East Columbia Conference shows a much greater difference in its appropriations and collections. Los Angeles has twenty-five parsonages, to which forty-five appropriations have been made, showing that its collections have exceeded the appropriations only $317. The Oklahoma Conference has two hundred and four parsonages, to which one hundred and ninety-one appropriations have been made, amounting to $17,305.10. This plucky Conference, however, has raised $21,789.93. The Pacific Conference has seventy parsonages, to which ninety-eight appropriations, amounting to $9,842.06, have been made, which is $723.81 more than the Conference Society has raised. Of course the larger and older Confer-

ences have given to this department of connectional work more largely than they have received; yet in each one real missionary work has been done in some needy section.

SUPPLIES.

Through the Supply Department boxes valued at $35,025.74 were sent as follows: To preachers, 204; to Home Mission schools, 367; to orphanages, 370; to cyclone, fire, and emergency calls, 119. Total, 1,040. The increase here is shown by 301 boxes and $10,506.37 over the record of past years.

SCHOOLS.

Our connectional schools number thirteen, with sixty-three teachers giving instruction to 1,645 students. Of these pupils there are 614 Cubans, 527 mountain people, and 98 Orientals; 83 unfortunate girls have been restored, 73 friendless girls given help, and 150 negro girls instructed in domestic arts. These schools have been maintained at a cost of $45,976.14. This expenditure included purchase of furniture and equipment at one school, enlargement of campuses at two others, and the payment of outstanding notes at another. The fees paid by students amounted to $7,045. The total cost to the Society was nearly twenty dollars per student last year, an investment which yielded the largest results in character-building, and means the extension of God's kingdom, not alone in our own country, but also beyond the seas.

Cuban Schools.

The Wolff Mission School, at Ybor City, Tampa, Fla., suffered through the illness of the Principal, who became too feeble to carry on the work at midyear. So well organized was the work under her leadership, however, that a change was made without a break in the continuity of the work. More students by a score were enrolled than ever before, and the best collections from the fees were remitted to the General Treasurer. The campus was enlarged by the gift of the "Lizzie Blalock Playground." This was made possible by a generous gift from a Louisiana woman, which the Tampa City Mission Board augmented sufficiently to make the purchase.

The West Tampa School has enrolled 125 students this year; and while the protracted illness of Mrs. Rosa Valdes has added to the cares of the Principal, Miss Emma Valdes, her influence is still a vital force in its history. In the extremity of our needs in West Tampa we were fortunate in reaping fruit from our past sowing, as one of our former pupils was able to come to our help, and is now a valued member of the faculty.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla., has had an unusual year of prosperity. The resignation of Miss Emily Reid as Principal led to the election of Prof. A. W. Mohn, who had previously taught at the

Sue Bennett School, in Kentucky. Professor Mohn has striven to extend the influence of the school through some fifteen hundred visits made by the teachers into the homes of Key West. More than 316 students were in attendance during the year, and not only good class room work was done, but an earnest effort was also made for the spiritual development of the student body. Through the effort of the school, twenty members were added to the Cuban Church. There is great need at Ruth Hargrove for enlarged facilities, especially along industrial lines. The Cuban Sunday school, conducted at the Seminary every Sunday afternoon, numbers 125, and reaches a class that would not go to the Cuban church because of distances.

Mountain Schools.

The Sue Bennett School, at London, Ky., gave instruction to 363 students the past year. The number of students continues at this high-water mark notwithstanding the opening of a graded public school at London in the last two years. If we were better prepared to care for a larger student body, and our class room facilities and equipment were better, we could greatly enlarge the usefulness of the school. In order to accommodate all who come, Professor Lewis is compelled to rent cottages off of the campus, where fifty students were boarded. The same high-grade work that has ever marked the record of this school was done last year.

Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C., has had 175 students in its five departments. Industrial training is made practical by having student labor as part of the course. Professor Trowbridge reports a most harmonious year with faculty and students. The introduction of the steam-heating plant has made the building comfortable, and the purchase of six acres has added value to the property. The opening of a public school in Brevard has reduced local attendance, but every accommodation possible has been taken by students from a distance. The spiritual atmosphere of this school is most gratifying.

Pacific Coast.

The President and General Secretary of the Board visited the Korean and Japanese schools and coöperative homes on the Pacific Coast during the scholastic year. This first visit from a Board representative in seven years was one of interest and inspiration. The Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal., is our one piece of property on the Pacific Coast, and is the center of a variety of work. The Church services are held there, and it was at these meetings that Mrs. Miamo learned of the Christ, and through her a Sunday school for Japanese children came, which, in time, led to the establishment of our kindergarten, which cares for twenty-seven little ones every day. During the year sixty-two men

were taught there in our Japanese night school, twenty-nine of whom became Church members.

While the school was closed at Oakland two years ago, the coöperative home was never abandoned, and regular Church services on Sunday evening have been carried on. The leader in the Oakland Home, who became a Christian in that institution, is fitting himself to return to Japan as a missionary. The conversion of this young man is compensation for all our work on the Pacific Coast.

The Korean Mission at San Francisco has had a year of growth, if not of great numbers certainly in the character development of its men. Converts from this school are now leading missions among the Koreans in Mexico and Siberia. The unsettled condition of these Orientals makes large, aggressive organizations impossible. They do not come to America for a permanent home, as do the Europeans, but return to their native lands, and we must look there largely for the fruits of our work here. To meet this condition Dr. Reid and Mr. Ryang issue a monthly magazine, *The Korean Evangel*, in the Korean language, which reaches our people throughout the West. It is also going to ten different countries, and the translations of some of our standard works are being compiled into books for use in Korea. Surely this is cause for gratitude, as the printed word is always more far-reaching than even the social touch.

Industrial Schools.

The Vashti Industrial School, at Thomasville, Ga., has been perfecting its equipment this year. Seventy-four girls have been in the school under the tuition of five teachers. Professor Bishop reports health conditions improving and good character-building going forward. The school is still so young and our resources so limited that large fruitage is not possible. Effort is consistently made to prepare the girls for independence and usefulness when they pass from the halls of the school.

The Ann Browder Home and School, at Dallas, Tex., has come before the thought of the Church this year as never before, because of the special effort made to collect a sufficient sum for a new building. The collection from the Week of Prayer for this purpose amounted to $12,927. This sum, with near $13,000 raised by Mrs. W. H. Johnson, assures the realization of her prayers and dreams. Miss Sue L. Lyon, of New Orleans, La., assumed control of this institution when Mrs. M. L. Stone resigned. During Mrs. Stone's administration the work moved up to such efficiency that Miss Lyons was able to carry it forward with but little of the friction incident to such changes. The institution is most fortunate to have secured Miss Lyons as Principal.

The growth and efficiency of the work are best shown by a comparison of this year's work with last:

	1908.	1909.
Girls cared for during the year.....	91	83
Number of babies born during the year.	22	24
Number of babies adopted during year.		23
Appropriation for forty girls.....	$2,580 00	$2,580 00
Cash for girls for whom the Board makes no appropriation	1,984 60	2,328 25
Cash for industries	1,160 20	966 10
Net receipts from sewing	231 05	198 95
Net receipts from laundry.....	45 00	Def. 88 36

Reports from Paine Annex show the work as efficient and successful as possible with existing limitations of appropriation and equipment. In the summer of 1908 the General Educational Board challenged the Woman's Board of Home Missions to greater effort at Paine by the proffer of a gift of $5,000 for a new dormitory, conditioned upon our raising $20,000 more. Professor Gilbert has raised in actual cash $2,832.40, and subscriptions to twice that amount. The Board must secure the remainder by July 1, 1910, if we would profit by this offer. The reports for the year show growth at Paine.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AT THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

Four courses in sociology have been conducted by Miss Mabel Howell, our teacher of sociology at the Scarritt Bible and Training School. She has also planned the practice work of all the Home Mission students, and given personal supervision to each. The practice work has been broader than in any previous year, so that the students this year go out better prepared to meet and handle problems that come to the social worker. A gift of one hundred dollars to this department has added many valuable reference books to the library, and the students are greatly aided by them in their work.

DEACONESSES.

The preparation of young women for the work and office of deaconess is not a small part of the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society. Through printed matter, by public address, and by personal appeal and correspondence the demand for such workers has been kept before the Church. The calls for deaconesses from pastors, City Mission Boards, and schools continue to exceed the supply, and the promise of ever measuring up to the call seems hopeless.

The Woman's Home Mission Society has borne the expense during the year at the training schools of twenty young women who are preparing for home work, at a cost of $3,959.

It is interesting to note that since the creation of the office of deaconess in the Church fifty-four women have been set apart for this service; forty-five are ready for appointment, four have married, six have retired from the work because of ill health or for family reasons. Death

has claimed two of our fairest and most efficient. In January our dear Mae McKenzie was transferred from the lumber camps of Crossett, Ark., to the "city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Her promotion was through the gates of the city upon which is written: "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Deaconess Work and City Missions.

Perhaps the most far-reaching and effective effort of our Woman's Home Mission Society is found in the deaconess and city mission work. The control of the deaconess movement of the Church extends the ministry of this department beyond our own organized city missions into the pastoral service, and even into industrial institutions, where coöperation with the management means larger life for our people.

Cotton Mills.

The desire of many mill owners to raise the standards of life for those who come under their employ is manifest in repeated calls to our Board for deaconesses and other trained workers, who, by equipment and training, are prepared to help accomplish this end. At Lindale, Ga., the Massachusetts Cotton Mill management has borne the entire cost of such an enterprise, while one of our deaconesses has been head resident two years. At Rockingham, N. C., a similar work is carried on.

Their activities are shown by reports of 3,149 visits into the homes of the mill people; 5 industrial schools, which have reached 202 children; 2 night schools, where 93 students have been given a chance; boys' and girls' clubs have given social and educational touch to 94 young people, while two mothers' clubs are helping 95 mothers to larger vision of the duties and privileges of motherhood.

Pastors' Assistants.

Eleven pastoral charges have had the ministry of as many deaconesses this year. Reports from pastors and Churches declare that their services bear the approval of the Chief Head of the Church. The record shows 11,958 visits made and 2,320 received by the deaconesses who have served as pastors' assistants; 4 industrial schools, with 218 children in attendance; 406 meetings addressed, with as many persons induced to attend church, and God's seal of acceptance by scores of conversions.

City Mission Boards.

Twenty-four City Mission Boards, representing eighty-four Auxiliaries, have carried on organized work this year. Birmingham, Ala., Bristol, Tenn., Knoxville, Tenn., and Winston-Salem, N. C., have new

City Boards; yet their activities have rivaled older organizations. The institutional features are carried on at *12 Wesley Houses*, located at Atlanta, Ga., Augusta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., Bristol, Tenn., Dallas, Tex., Houston, Tex., Knoxville, Tenn., Louisville, Ky., Memphis, Tenn., Mobile, Ala., Nashville, Tenn., Winston-Salem, N. C.; *3 Coöperative Homes*, at Columbus, Ga., Houston, Tex., and Waco, Tex.; *1 Door of Hope*, at Macon, Ga.; *1 Institutional Church*, at Kansas City, Mo.; *1 Kingdom House*, at St. Louis, Mo.; *1 St. Mark's Hall*, at New Orleans, La.; *1 Mission*, at New Orleans, La.; and the *Homer Toberman Deaconess Home*, in Los Angeles. The cost to the City Mission Boards of maintaining this work has been $40,724.53. The details of the work of each city are found in the following figures:

Thirty-two deaconesses and twenty missionaries have been regularly appointed by the Board, and have served as follows: Pastors' assistants, 11; cotton mill workers, 2; Wesley Houses, 20; rescue homes, 3; coöperative homes, 4; parish visitors, 4; Door of Hope, 1; Kingdom House, Institutional Church, hospital and home, and other institutions, 8. This work this year ought to have been the most efficient of our records, as the organization is better equipped and most systematically arranged. The comparison of records is shown in the following table:

	1908.	1909.	Increase.
City Boards	24	24	..
Trained workers	49	62	13
Salaried workers	62	81	19
Volunteer workers	289	347	58
Day nurseries	6	4	..
Children in day nurseries	185	460	295
Kindergartens	7	11	4
Children in kindergartens	412	557	145
Industrial schools	28	25	..
Children in industrial schools	1,532	1,854	322
Night schools	8	13	5
Students in night schools	323	396	73
Young people's clubs	27	24	..
Members of young people's clubs	572	981	409
Mothers' clubs	10	16	6
Members of mothers' clubs	306	448	142
Visits made	33,012	39,473	6,461
Visits received	18,739	28,248	9,509
Expended on current expenses	$29,864 98	$40,724 53	$10,859 55

Twelve deaconesses have been consecrated this spring as a result of the year's work in the training schools, while four more city missionaries have finished the course and await appointment.

The following table gives some description of the varied activities of this work:

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF WORK ENTERPRISED BY CITY MISSION BOARDS.

Location.	Head Resident.	Work Carried on in Institutions	Trained Workers.	Salaried Workers.	Volunteer Workers.	Day Nurseries.	Children Cared for in Day Nurseries.	Kindergartens	Children Enrolled in Kindergartens.	Industrial Schools.	Children Enrolled in Industrial Schools.	Night Schools.	Students Enrolled in Night Schools.	Boys' Clubs.	Boys Enrolled in Clubs.	Girls' Clubs.	Girls Enrolled in Clubs.	Mothers' Clubs.	Mothers in Clubs.	Dispensaries.	Patients Treated.	Sabbath Schools.	Children Enrolled in Sabbath Schools.	Free Reading Rooms.	Garments Given or Sold.	Papers and Tracts Distributed.	Visits Made.	Visits Received.	Current Expenses Reported by Voucher.
Asheville, N. C.	Miss Josephine Guffin	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	40	...	...	1	36	...	...	...	...	...	58	125	776	52	...
At anta, Ga.	Miss Dollie Crim	1	4	5	47	1	115	1	112	3	245	1	179	2	46	1	15	1	26	1	709	1	198	1	255	3,000	4,416	5,475	$ 5,637 37
Augusta, Ga.	Miss Annie Trawick	1	3	3	38	1	9	1	50	2	97	2	50	1	17	...	...	...	...	1	79	1	150	...	2,019	1,671	447	64	2,318 47
Baltimore, Md.	...	...	32	32	32	...	...	1	100	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	170 77
Birmingham, Ala.	Miss Hettie Phillips	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	62	...	...	1	12	...	...	1	15	...	...	1	95	1	128	...	904	224	781 85
Bristol, Tenn.	Miss Stella Womack	1	1	1	13	...	...	1	24	1	50	1	10	...	...	...	...	1	12	...	...	1	93	...	3	125	124	...	892 00
Columbus, Ga.	Miss Josie Leverett	1	1	1	8	...	...	...	...	1	120	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	382	618	491 90
Dallas, Tex.	Miss Ida Adreansen	1	3	3	25	...	...	1	35	1	60	...	...	2	55	...	...	1	30	1	97	1	150	...	...	...	3,159	3,159	2,086 90
Houston, Tex.	Miss Mattie Wright	1	5	5	...	...	...	1	40	1	31	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	35	...	...	...	386	...	2,478 54
Kansas City, Mo.	Miss Ethel Jackson	1	3	18	85	1	322	1	...	3	328	1	85	4	152	1	54	1	25	...	...	...	...	1	1,070	...	105	1,806	7,156 47
Knoxville, Tenn.	Miss Hettie Stewart	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Louisville, Ky.	Miss Mary E. Smith	1	3	4	25	...	...	...	...	2	155	...	...	1	25	1	10	1	65	1	932	...	...	1	275	500	2,325	2 976	1,989 89
Los Angeles, Cal.	Miss Maria Elliott	1	3	5	1	...	...	...	...	1	62	...	...	1	8	...	...	...	...	1	125	...	...	...	...	413	421	1,048	2,690 61
Macon, Ga.	Mrs. F. M. Knowles	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,598 72
Memphis, Tenn.	Miss Fronie Webb	1	2	2	14	...	...	1	50	1	112	...	...	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,843	3,616	1,531 43
Meridian, Miss.	Mrs. Clara Cope	...	...	1	17	...	...	...	...	1	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	...	...	1	19	1	70	...	189	...	...
Mobile, Ala.	Mrs. Almeda Hewitt	1	3	4	10	1	14	1	36	1	62	1	16	...	...	1	30	1	42	...	...	1	68	1	175	80	683	1,000	1,859 67
Nashville, Tenn.	Miss Hattye Sellars	1	2	2	...	...	...	1	50	1	143	...	...	1	36	...	...	1	36	...	74	...	...	...	159	641	1,692	1,651	1,527 62
New Orleans, La.	Miss Margaret Ragland	1	2	4	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	829	19	924 57
New Orleans, La.	Mrs. L. Meekin	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	134	...	...	668	...	...	...
Portsmouth, Va.	Miss Ella Ganow	...	1	1	11	...	...	...	...	1	102	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,234	132	193 76
Richmond, Va.	Miss Davis	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	25	1	...	1	28	...	...	1	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	...
St. Louis, Mo.	Miss Helen Gibson	1	8	9	19	...	...	1	60	1	75	3	41	3	110	3	52	2	50	1	165	1	367	1	440	...	3,800	4,000	4,534 02
Waco, Tex.	Miss May Lockard	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	235	...	...	...
Winston-Salem, N. C.	Miss F. Blackwell	1	1	1	20	...	...	...	...	2	150	1	...	1	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	300	...	...	...	651	68	326 67
Total	...	20	51	81	347	4	460	11	557	25	1,854	13	396	21	572	7	161	16	393	6	2,181	11	1,514	8	4,660	7,558	24,366	25,908	$40,724 53

GULF COAST WORK.

The Board has extended work this year at three centers along the Gulf Coast. The opening of an immigrant home at Galveston and an evangelistic center in New Orleans was authorized and appropriation made for the same at the last Board meeting. The General Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension called for a joint commission to enterprise a similar work, which resulted in the three Boards working jointly at Galveston, New Orleans, and Gulfport. At Galveston an Immigrants' Home has been established, and in ten months 1,442 immigrants have been cared for. The building can accommodate 100 at one time, while 32 can be seated at the table at once. Rest rooms and a lavatory are among the conveniences offered these strangers, while Bibles, tracts, and other religious matter are placed in eleven different languages in the reach of these. A Seamen's Home has also been provided, where 1,610 have been given opportunity for rest, recreation, and religious services. The cost of this work is jointly borne by the three Boards.

At New Orleans a large social and religious center, known as St. Mark's Hall, has been opened, where evangelistic services are carried on, as well as every phase of social service. Rev. N. E. Joyner is superintendent of the work, and is ably assisted by our deaconesses, Misses Daisy Duncan and Margaret Ragland. More than 255 persons are reached each week. The New Orleans City Mission Board has been most generous in the work, and many volunteers are helping.

In Gulfport a Seamen's Home is reaching hundreds of sailors who heretofore had no social center. Rest, recreation, and helpful evangelistic services are given these men who touch our shores for ten days out of a year. Thousands are thus having a chance to know some of the things that make for God and eternity. The two Mission Boards and the Mississippi Conference Society bear the cost of maintenance of the Gulfport work. Rev. W. T. Griffin is superintendent.

TITHING.

The Superintendent of Tithing, Mrs. J. W. Perry, reports 10,193 Home Mission women who are pledged to this form of meeting the demands for extending Christ's kingdom. During the year this number grew 3,171 stronger. There is need of fresh printed matter for this department. In the fall a number of new leaflets were distributed which proved helpful in creating conviction on this subject.

PRESS WORK.

Our Homes now has a circulation of 19,823, showing an increase of 3,934 subscribers. The paper in magazine form is better liked than ever. Under the direction of Miss Estelle Haskin good leaflets for Auxiliary work have been issued for each month. Miss Howell's book-

let, "City Mission Manual," has come from the press to gratify a long-felt need of the City Mission Boards. The *Bulletin* continues to go out each month. Mrs. Charles Phelps has had charge of the *Bulletin* and superintendence of the press work.

Miss Mary Helm's book, "From Darkness to Light," the sixth book in the Interdenominational Reading Course, while not a part of the press work of our organization, is of vital interest to every member. The fact that this book is written by our own editor and that it meets the unqualified indorsement of the committee from our Church, as well as the commendation of all who have read it, gives the book prestige, and makes it desirable for each Auxiliary to read.

Under Miss Head the Reading Course has been pressed upon our women as never before, with the result that 3,441 women have profited by it this year, an increase of 1,407 over past years.

OUR GIFTS.

The year 1909 cannot pass to record as one in which great or generous gifts have been made to the Woman's Home Mission Society. The collections this year show more nearly the real status of the work than for several years past, as moneys reported have come largely from the regular monthly dues and freewill offerings.

A legacy of $1,000 from the late Mr. W. B. Womack, of Arkansas, was realized. This was directed by the testator toward the Ann Browder Mission Home and School, and will go into the new building when it is erected.

A good Methodist woman of Baltimore became her own executor, and in the early part of the year remitted $1,000 to the general treasury on the annuity plan. This sum was invested at once in the Vashti Industrial School, where it will yield greatest harvest.

A gift of $400 from a Louisiana sister made possible the purchase of the "Lizzie Blalock Playground" at the Wolff Mission School. Her gift sprang the women of Tampa to make an effort to augment the sum sufficiently to purchase a lot lying next to our premises. This playground has brought many happy hours to the Cuban children of Tampa.

A sum of $460.50 has been realized from a bequest of Mrs. Nannie Morgan, of Kentucky, which came to us several years ago. This legacy was in farming lands, and we have at last succeeded in finding a purchaser. These gifts mean more than their money value to the Society, for they indicate that the management of the work commends itself to those who would invest such funds in our Lord's work.

Two hundred and fifteen dollars has been realized from the sale of farming lands in Virginia, a portion of the bequest of the late Mrs. Mary B. Rowzee, of Fairfax, Va. This sale closes the history of the legacy, and makes the total amount received $4,402.42.

OUR NEEDS.

The General Treasurer's report shows a deficit in our treasury, which declares that our expenditures exceed our income. Larger collections for current expenses is our apparent need. The maintenance of work already enterprised is absolutely dependent upon increased revenue. We need, therefore, to determine upon some more aggressive plan of raising money and to adopt a wiser course in its expenditure.

For the work already enterprised we need new dormitories or class room facilities at every center save one. We need more trained, effective women for the work, and a holy zeal which stops at no mountain of difficulty.

Modern social and industrial conditions bring to the Church opportunities—nay, demands—for social centers, for educational influences, for efficient organized charity, and for the highest spiritual ideals. We need to bring the nine-tenths of the women and children of the Church who have no part in the Woman's Home Mission Society into a knowledge of these demands and have their coöperation in this great redemptive work. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me" is the challenge we are to accept this year.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day examined the expense account of the General Office of the Woman's Home Mission Society for the fiscal year 1908-09, and find the same correct. The vouchers of expenditures agree with the records.

D. M. SMITH.

November 22, 1909.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATE SECRETARY.

Miss Mabel Head, Associate Secretary.

"The Church of the living God, the army of conquest in these latter days, is just beginning to catch the strains of the last great triumphal march that will end in the conquest of the world for Jesus Christ. Not all of the host can yet hear the music or keep step with those who have caught the vision of a world redeemed in the next few years; but more and more are throwing themselves into the work and have faith to claim large results." If the missionary education and training of the youth had begun a generation before it did and had gone on with earnestness proportionate to the importance of the work to be done, what a splendid trained force would have been ready for this finishing-up task!

Our work among the young people and children has grown during the past year, but is far below what it might easily be if all Conference officers and District Secretaries were pushing it. In dozens of places where I have gone during the year no communication has ever been received on this line and no effort made to organize. In at least a couple of dozen places the women have said to me: "We had never thought of enlisting the children or young people." The weakest part of all Church work is among those of intermediate age, our young people. On all sides we hear how they are dropping out of the Church and becoming absorbed with worldly amusements, social life, clubs, etc. Are we not, as a Home Mission Society, responsible for this condition? Our organization more than any other, or at least along with the Epworth League, affords the opportunity for service in the Church. As I see conditions after three years in the field, some four reasons may be given for the slow development of this part of our work: (1) The work of the Brigade and Young People's Societies is not given sufficient emphasis at annual and district meetings; (2) lack of care in the selection of Conference and Auxiliary Third Vice Presidents; (3) not close coöperation between the Conference Corresponding Secretaries and Third Vice Presidents and District Secretaries; (4) little effort or prayer to secure suitable leaders for the organizations. Perhaps a fifth might be lack of material ready for use, particularly in the Young People's Societies, for the Brigade is now fairly well supplied. It is probable that the work might be much increased if some suitable person were selected in each Conference to push and plan for the young people. The membership among the young people has grown only 714. The North Texas Conference leads in this. Eleven Conferences—Ar-

kansas, Columbia, Denver, German Mission, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Montana, New Mexico, Pacific, West Texas, and White River—report no Young People's Societies.

The Brigade has increased in membership 6,018. There has been marked improvement in the work done by them. The meetings are held more regularly, and the programs are well prepared. There has been large use of the children's mission study books, "The Pioneers" and "Coming Americans." This is the third year of separate reports from the Conference Third Vice Presidents on the regular printed blanks, and there is still some irregularity. There is a much larger total of names added to the Baby Roll, as given in the report of Conference Third Vice Presidents to me, than could be given out as total, for many failed to send the names of babies enrolled to the general office, where they are kept on record. The following is a summary of the reports of Conference Third Vice Presidents:

BABY ROLL AND BRIGADE, 1908–09.

CONFERENCE.	Number on Baby Roll.	Increase.	Number on Brigade.	Increase.
Alabama	445	101	976	183
Arkansas	113	.....	208	.....
Baltimore	1,022	82	569	114
Columbia	9	1	50	.....
Denver	65	13	7	.....
East Columbia	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida	463	183	681	180
Holston	2,862	420	727	152
Kentucky	210	66	292	159
Little Rock	481	142	546	441
Los Angeles	197	59	116	53
Louisiana	81	22	180	13
Louisville	537	.....	200	.....
Memphis	225	23	139	7
Mississippi	239	64	181	98
Missouri	273	78	182	113
Montana	23	3	.....	.....
New Mexico	32	29	56	6
North Alabama	278	.....	467	.....
North Carolina	720	119	1,172	283
North Georgia	618	303	1,323	538
North Mississippi	535	189	905	204
North Texas	496	123	373	127
Northwest Texas	969	179	1,271	386
Oklahoma	263	.....	217	.....
Pacific	51	22	60	.....
South Carolina	337	162	440	210
South Georgia	407	250	484	236
Southwest Missouri	195	53	244	90
St. Louis	118	33	337	97
Tennessee	2,014	398	509	280
Texas	623	195	.....	.....
Virginia	307	41	568	190
West Texas	67	76	.....	136
Western North Carolina	446	73	46	25
Western Virginia	53	.....	353	.....
White River	120	14	234	.....
Total	15,894	3,516	14,083	4,321

FIELD WORK.

During the year I have traveled 12,407 miles in the interest of the work. I have spent some weeks in work in seven different Conferences, attended twelve annual meetings, twenty-nine district meetings; have presented the general work or some phase of it at 207 different services, and have done 193 hours of institute work; have held 72 children's services, visited 15 colleges and institutions of higher learning. Following services held there have been added 417 adult members, 338 of whom were in 27 new Auxiliaries; I have organized 12 new Young People's Societies, with a membership of 189, and secured 21 new members where there were organizations. I have also organized 39 Brigades, with a membership of 819, and secured 625 other new members; I have secured seven adult life members and one honorary life member. Voluntary offerings following services or presentations of the work have amounted to $347.70, which have been given through the Auxiliaries.

I have visited the following of our institutions: Brevard Institute, Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Cuban Schools at Tampa, new Gulf Coast work, Vashti Home, Ann Browder Mission Home and School, Coöperative Home at Waco, Tex., and city mission work at Dallas, Houston, Memphis, Columbus, and Meridian. I have started 74 Reading Circles in Auxiliaries.

Shortly after the Board meeting last year, I attended the Summer Conferences at Asheville, N. C., Biloxi, Miss., and Corpus Christi, Tex., teaching home mission study classes, with enrollment as follows: Asheville (N. C.) Young Women's Christian Association, 87; Asheville (N. C.) Young People's Missionary Movement, 45; Biloxi (Miss.) Seashore Assembly, 59; Corpus Christi, Tex., Epworth-by-the-Sea, 189. In each case members of the class were asked to pledge themselves to organize and conduct classes during the year. One hundred and twenty-four so pledged, and practically all have reported to me.

During the year a leaflet was prepared on the reading course, also outlines on several of the books, and cards for reporting classes. One hundred and forty-nine Circles or classes (7,413 persons) have reported on these cards.

In the Summer Conferences attention was given to Institute work, with good attendance and good results in the way of leaders for various lines of work. If from ten to twenty-five of the best women for places of leadership from each Conference near these summer assemblies would make use of these splendid opportunities for Bible study, mission study, and methods of work, we could largely solve the problem of competent leaders in the next few years. At present such work is carried on at Asheville, N. C., Monteagle, Tenn., Biloxi, Miss., and Corpus Christi, Tex.

In each of the colleges visited I have found a growing interest in home missions. I have organized several Auxiliaries, and where

the Y. W. C. A. was already organized I have secured a correlation of work with the missionary department.

I have tried during the year at annual, district, and other meetings to distribute and advertise home mission literature; and in so doing have sold $329.75 worth, mostly sets of pictures, books of the reading course, children's books, and a few of the best home mission stories.

As I come in touch with the work and workers and compare the past year with two years ago, I find great cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving in the growth and development along nearly all lines. I should, however, recommend the following:

1. A larger amount of educational work in the annual meetings, which might be accomplished by institute work, question boxes, etc.

2. Much more emphasis on district work, regular district meetings with good programs, magnifying the work of District Secretary, and careful study of conditions in each district. (I have visited Conferences this year where district meetings were practically unknown.) This study of conditions should lead to special plans for organization and securing new members.

3. That more careful attention be given to the missionary features of our local work, that we thus drop much of the work that rightfully belongs to the stewards and men of the Church.

4. That greater care be used in selecting officers, such as Second Vice Presidents who tithe, Third Vice Presidents who realize the need of training the children and who will give themselves to it, Press Superintendents who read missionary literature, etc.

5. That the regular Auxiliary meetings be made more vital by carefully *prepared* programs, study of the work, maps, charts, posters, etc. A series of carefully prepared programs would be a great help to fully two-thirds of our Auxiliaries. The "Yearbook" has proven helpful in many places.

6. That each Conference select one month in which to conduct a regular membership campaign, aiming at more than doubled membership.

7. That Auxiliary workers urge that *home* missions be included in the missionary work of the Sunday school, and that the best home mission books are in the Sunday school libraries.

8. That more attention be given in each Conference within reach of Summer Conference places to securing good delegations at the same.

9. That such additions be made to the set of home mission pictures as will bring them up to date.

If we realize that we are in the work because the Master himself has chosen us for it, and that he goes with us all the way, we ought to have the faith and courage to accomplish much larger things than in any other year.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, AS TRUSTEE OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, PARSONAGE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1909.

I. Parsonage General Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer	$3,325 00	
Balance on hand April 1, 1908	1,402 00	$ 4,727 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donations to Parsonages.

Arkansas Conference:			
Ozark, Ark	$100 00		
Danville, Ark	100 00		
Midland Heights, Fort Smith, Ark	50 00		
Eureka Springs, Ark	200 00	$ 450 00	
Columbia Conference:			
Myrtle Creek, Oregon	200 00	200 00	
Denver Conference:			
First Church parsonage, Pueblo, Colo	150 00	150 00	
Florida Conference:			
DeLand, Fla	200 00		
Mulberry, Fla	150 00	350 00	
German Mission Conference:			
Eastern District parsonage, Texas	200 00	200 00	
Loulsville Conference:			
Cadiz, Ky	100 00		
Rivers Mem. Church parsonage, Louisville	200 00	300 00	
Missouri Conference:			
New London, Mo	100 00	100 00	
Montana Conference:			
Deer Lodge, Mont	200 00	200 00	
New Mexlco Conference:			
Taiban, N. Mex	75 00		
Tucumcari, N. Mex	100 00	175 00	
North Carolina Conference:			
Dover, N. C	100 00	100 00	
Northwest Mexican Conference:			
El Paso (Mexican), Tex	200 00	200 00	
Oklahoma Conference:			
Hastings, Okla	200 00		
Hugo, Okla	100 00		
Clinton, Okla	100 00		
Klngston, Okla	100 00		
Westville, Okla	255 33		
Boynton, Okla	153 45		
Second Church parsonage, Ada, Okla	250 00	1,158 78	
Paclfic Conference:			
Maxwell, Cal	75 00		
Maderas, Cal	75 00		
Petaluma, Cal	200 00	350 00	
St. Louis Conference:			
Elm Street, Cairo, Ill	100 00		
Whitewater, Mo	75 00	175 00	
Western North Carolina Conference:			
Belleview, N. C	50 00	50 00	
White River Conference:			
Rector, Ark	75 00		
Weldon, Ark	50 00	125 00	$ 4,283 78

SUMMARY.

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Balance on hand April 1, 1908	$1,402 00	
Receipts during year ending March, 31, 1909	3,325 00	$ 4,727 00

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Donations to parsonages	$4,283 78	
Balance on hand March 31, 1909	443 22	$ 4,727 00

II. PARSONAGE CONFERENCE BOARD FUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April 1, 1908	$ 3,765 00	
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer	19,969 00	$23,734 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donations to Parsonages by Conference Boards, Woman's Home Mission Society.

Alabama Conference:		
Brantley, Ala	$100 00	
Tallassee, Ala	125 00	
Grand Bay, Ala	75 00	$ 300 00
Arkansas Conference:		
Danville, Ark	75 00	
Ozark, Ark	100 00	
Altus, Ark	150 00	325 00
Baltimore Conference:		
Belmont, Roanoke, Va	100 00	
Colesville, Md	100 00	
Warrenton, Va	100 00	
Crabbottom, Va	100 00	
Basic City, Va	100 00	
Marlinton, W. Va	100 00	
Lost River, W. Va	100 00	700 00
Denver Conference:		
First Church parsonage, Pueblo, Colo	100 00	100 00
East Columbia Conference:		
La Grande, Oregon	60 00	
Walla Walla, Wash	100 00	
Weston, Oregon	50 00	210 00
Florida Conference:		
Madison, Fla	100 00	
Sycamore, Fla	100 00	
Columbia, Fla	50 00	
Mayo, Fla	100 00	
Mulberry, Fla	100 00	
Perry, Fla	100 00	
Middleburg, Fla	150 00	
Havana, Fla	150 00	
Mayo Mission, Fla	150 00	1,000 00
Holston Conference:		
Gary, W. Va	100 00	
Etowah, Tenn	400 00	
Appalachia, Va	200 00	700 00
Kentucky Conference:		
Moorehead, Ky	325 00	325 00
Little Rock Conference:		
Center Point, Ark	75 00	75 00
Los Angeles Conference:		
Marvin Chapel, Los Angeles, Cal	25 00	
Cartwright, Ariz	160 00	185 00
Louisiana Conference:		
West Alexandria, La	75 00	
Eunice, La	200 00	
Tallulah, La	100 00	
Ringgold, La	300 00	
Baker, La	75 00	750 00
Louisville Conference:		
Rogers Memorial, Louisville, Ky	300 00	
Burksville Circuit, Marrowbone, Ky	50 00	
Woodlawn, Owensboro, Ky	100 00	
Breckenridge Street, Owensboro, Ky	50 00	
Greensburg, Ky	50 00	550 00
Memphis Conference:		
Hornbeak, Tenn	100 00	
Murray, Ky	100 00	

Lone Oak, Ky	$100 00		
Middle Avenue, Jackson, Tenn	100 00		
Yum Yum, Tenn	75 00		
Saltillo, Tenn	75 00		
Denmark, Tenn	50 00	$ 600 00	
Mississippi Conference:			
Purvis, Miss	250 00		
Fifth Street, Meridian, Miss	150 00		
Silver Creek, Miss	150 00		
Bogue Chitto, Miss	200 00		
Oloh, Miss	100 00		
Prentiss, Miss	75 00		
Brooklyn, Miss	100 00	1,025 00	
Missouri Conference:			
Bellflower, Mo	100 00		
New London, Mo	100 00		
McFall, Mo	116 00		
McCredie, Mo	200 00	516 00	
New Mexico Conference:			
Tucumcari, N. Mex	50 00		
Melrose, N. Mex	100 00		
Carrizozo, N. Mex	100 00	250 00	
North Alabama Conference:			
Longdale, Ala	100 00		
Haleysville, Ala	150 00		
Albertville, Ala	100 00	350 00	
North Carolina Conference:			
Market Street, Wilmington, N. C	100 00		
Chapel Hill, N. C	100 00		
Hatteras, N. C	100 00		
Robersonville, N. C	100 00		
Jones Circuit, N. C	100 00	500 00	
North Georgia Conference:			
Culloden, Ga	100 00		
Lovejoy Memorial, Newnan, Ga	500 00		
Bowden, Ga	100 00		
Dahlonega, Ga	300 00	1,000 00	
North Mississippi Conference:			
Houlka, Miss	150 00		
Wheeler, Miss	100 00		
Aberdeen Circuit, Miss	50 00		
Iuka, Miss	100 00		
Brownfield, Miss	75 00		
Mantachie, Miss	75 00	550 00	
North Texas Conference:			
Allen, Tex	250 00		
Henrietta, Tex	200 00		
Paris District, Tex	200 00		
Greenville Mission, Tex	275 00	925 00	
Northwest Texas Conference:			
Roscoe, Tex	100 00		
Peaster, Tex	150 00		
Hamilton, Tex	150 00		
Rosen Heights, Fort Worth, Tex	145 00		
Dumas, Tex	100 00		
Moody, Tex	125 00		
Valley Mills, Tex	100 00		
Weatherford Street, Fort Worth, Tex	150 00		
Vera, Tex	100 00		
Kirk parsonage, Mart, Tex	100 00		
Childress, Tex	200 00		
Hermleigh, Tex	150 00		
Wright, Tex	150 00		
Coahoma, Tex	150 00		
Irene, Tex	100 00		
Panhandle, Tex	150 00		
Riesel, Tex	100 00		
Dimmitt, Tex	100 00		
Kirkland, Tex	150 00	2,470 00	
Oklahoma Conference:			
Warner, Okla	100 00		
Carter Avenue, Ardmore, Okla	75 00		
Cornish, Okla	125 00		
Idabel, Okla	150 00		

Vinita Avenue, Sulphur, Okla	$150 00		
Gip Circuit, Okla	50 00		
Weatherford District, Okla	100 00		
Antlers, Okla	75 00		
Guthrie, Okla	100 00		
Cimarron, Okla	100 00	—$1,025 00	
Pacific Conference:			
Petaluma, Cal	100 00		
Madera, Cal	75 00		
Maxwell, Cal	200 00		
Salinas, Cal	200 00		
Arbuckle, Cal	150 00	— 725 00	
St. Louis Conference:			
Parma, Mo	105 00		
Cape Girardeau, Mo	400 00		
Elm Street, Cairo, Ill	300 00		
Cabool, Mo	150 00		
Thayer, Mo	75 00	— 1,030 00	
South Carolina Conference:			
Elloree, S. C	150 00	— 150 00	
South Georgia Conference:			
Mauck, Ga	150 00		
Spread, Ga	250 00		
Cordele District	150 00		
Geneva, Ga	100 00		
Broad Street, Columbus, Ga	100 00		
Rockledge, Ga	150 00		
Milltown, Ga	250 00		
Whigham, Ga	100 00		
Lawtonville, Ga	100 00		
Knoxville, Ga	150 00		
Meigs, Ga	200 00		
Sale City, Ga	200 00		
Ideal, Ga	200 00	— 2,100 00	
Southwest Missouri Conference:			
Bolivar, Mo	100 00	— 100 00	
Tennessee Conference:			
South Street, Nashville, Tenn	75 00		
Monterey, Tenn	100 00		
Lynchburg, Tenn	100 00		
Walnut Grove, Tenn	75 00		
Adams Circuit, Tenn	100 00		
Gordonville, Tenn	100 00		
Ethridge and Laurel Hill, Tenn	150 00	— 700 00	
Texas Conference:			
Burkville, Tex	100 00		
Alba, Tex	63 00		
Groveton, Tex	175 00		
Troupe, Tex	125 00		
Shelbyville, Tex	150 00		
Lorain Street, Houston, Tex	225 00		
West End, Galveston, Tex	125 00	— 963 00	
Virginia Conference:			
East Halifax Circuit, Clover, Va	150 00	— 150 00	
Western North Carolina Conference:			
Bethel, N. C	75 00		
Glenville, N. C	50 00	— 125 00	
Western Virginia Conference:			
Sutton, W. Va	150 00	— 150 00	
West Texas Conference:			
South Austin, Tex	150 00		
Smiley, Tex	175 00		
Martindale, Tex	150 00		
Llano District, Tex	100 00		
Rochelle, Tex	125 00	— 700 00	
White River Conference:			
Bradford, Ark	100 00		
Wheatley, Ark	100 00	— 200 00	—$21,524 00

SUMMARY.

Dr.

Balance on hand April 1, 1908	$ 3,765 00	
Receipts during year ending March 31, 1909	19,969 00	—$23,734 00

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Donations to parsonages	$21,524 00	
Balance on hand March 31, 1909	2,210 00—	$23,734 00

III. PARSONAGE LOAN FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Collections on Loans to Parsonages.

Balance on hand April 1, 1908	$2,965 22	
Interest collected on loans to parsonages	1,023 98	
Principal repaid on loans to parsonages	5,192 16	
Receipts on named loan funds	480 70—	$ 9,662 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

1. Loans to Parsonages.

Florida Conference:			
DeLand, Fla	$ 500 00		
Tampa District, Fla	1,500 00—	$2,000 00	
Mississippi Conference:			
Bogue Chitto, Miss	500 00—	500 00	
Northwest Texas Conference:			
Mart, Tex	400 00		
Seymour, Tex	500 00—	900 00	
Oklahoma Conference:			
Boynton, Okla	150 00		
Westville, Okla	250 00		
Hugo, Okla	400 00—	800 00	
Pacific Conference:			
Maxwell, Cal	200 00—	200 00	
St. Louis Conference:			
Elm Street, Cairo, Ill	400 00—	400 00	
South Georgia Conference:			
Cordele District, Ga	800 00		
Milltown, Ga	500 00		
Meigs, Ga	400 00—	1,700 00	
White River Conference:			
Rector, Ark	100 00—	100 00—	$ 6,600 00

2. Expenses against Parsonage Interest.

Interest paid to annuitants year ending March 31, 1909	$479 00	
Interest remitted to Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer	544 98—	$ 1,023 98

SUMMARY.

Dr.

Balance on hand April 1, 1908	$2,965 22	
Interest collected on loans to parsonages	1,023 98	
Principal repaid on loans to parsonages	5,192 16	
Receipts on named loan funds	480 70—	$ 9,662 06

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Loans to parsonages	$6,600 00	
Interest paid to annuitants	479 00	
Interest remitted to Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer	544 98	
Balance on hand March 31, 1909	2,038 08—	9,662 06

PARSONAGE LOAN FUND CAPITAL.

Angel Band Loan Fund	$ 4,494 74
Barker Loan Fund	1,000 00
Educational Endowment and City Mission Loan Fund	7,117 78
Warren Rogers Educational Endowment Loan Fund	1,000 00
Ethel Smith Educational Endowment Loan Fund	300 00
Mrs. Creed Fulton Loan Fund	1,000 00
Harriet C. Hargrove Loan Fund	2,155 10
Lucinda B. Helm Loan Fund	1,648 72
Memorial Loan Fund	94 65
Parker Memorial Parsonage Loan Fund	500 00
Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund	9,531 03
Werlein Loan Fund	1,000 00
Catherine Wilson Loan Fund	4,149 86
Total	$33,991 88

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARSONAGES HELPED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY.

CONFERENCE.	Donations from Conference Societies.	Donations from Board.	Loans.
Alabama	23	8	4
Arkansas	12	20	2
Baltimore	26	13	3
Brazil Mission	.....	1	.....
China Mission	.....	1	.....
Columbia	14	20	.....
Denver	16	12	1
East Columbia	10	11	.....
East Texas	74	5	.....
Florida	64	30	7
German Mission	.....	2	.....
Holston	121	14	5
Illinois	1	3	.....
Kentucky	39	.....	2
Little Rock	72	5	5
Los Angeles	37	13	2
Louisiana	66	13	4
Louisville	46	4	5
Memphis	80	2	5
Mississippi	59	2	7
Missouri	23	10	2
Montana	41	14	.....
New Mexico	10	20	4
North Alabama	22	11	4
North Carolina	38	10	2
North Georgia	57	7	4
North Mississippi	44	1	4
North Texas	62	5	6
Northwest Mexican Border Mission	.....	1	.....
Northwest Texas	125	14	9
Oklahoma	109	82	7
Pacific	69	29	6
South Carolina	23	8	6
South Georgia	48	1	2
Southwest Missouri	38	5	.....
St. Louis	69	7	5
Tennessee	64	8	1
Texas	97	6	6
Virginia	35	4	.....
West Texas	74	28	5
Western	6	4	1
Western North Carolina	26	18	2
Western Virginia	25	1	2
White River	16	12	7
Reported aided, names not given	34	.....	.....
Total	1,899	492	139

Amount granted by Conference Societies, $156,721.10. Amount granted by the Board, $78,465.78. Total parsonages aided, 2,391; total donations, $235,186.88; amount loaned, $77,750.

REPORT OF GENERAL TREASURER

For 1908-09.

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, General Treasurer, in account with the Woman's Home Mission Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

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285.	Mrs. Luke Johnson, travel to Board meeting	$	30 00
286.	Mrs. Frank Siler, office expenses		22 77
287.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, April salary		150 00
288.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, April salary		50 00
289.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, April salary		50 00
290.	Miss Gertrude Moore, April salary		25 00
291.	Miss Mabel Head, travel and April salary		150 00
292.	Rev. George Williams Walker, water tax at Paine		34 65
293.	E. E. Bishop, Vashti		600 00
294.	J. C. Lewis, expenses to Board meeting		10 00
295.	Dr. Josiah Strong, expenses to Board meeting		150 00
296.	Mrs. J. W. Perry, expenses to Board meeting		15 56
297.	Bishop John R. Vincent, expenses to Board meeting		10 00
298.	Miss Maria L. Gibson, deaconesses' expenses to Board meeting		145 50
299.	Miss Mabel Howell, expenses to Board meeting		35 40
300.	Mrs. L. P. Smith, expenses to Board meeting		55 00
301.	Miss Estelle Haskin, expenses to Board meeting		30 61
302.	Miss Helen Gibson, expenses to Board meeting		15 00
303.	J. W. Gilbert, travel for Board		25 00
304.	Mrs. Frank Siler, travel and office expenses		31 90
305.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, travel to Board meeting		10 35
306.	C. F. Reid, May and June salaries		894 00
307.	E. E. Bishop, April and May salaries		900 00
308.	J. C. Lewis, April and May salaries and improvements		2,738 54
309.	C. H. Trowbridge, April and May salaries		912 00
310.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, April salary and travel		60 84
311.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, April and May salaries		50 00
312.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, April and May salaries		700 00
313.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, May salary		150 00
314.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, May salary		25 00
315.	Miss Mabel Head, May salary		75 00
316.	Miss Josie Leverett, April and May salary		75 00
317.	Miss Kate Wilson, April and May salary		96 00
318.	Miss Ellen Young, April and May salaries		220 00
319.	Miss Josephine Baker, April and May salaries		490 00
320.	Miss Gertrude Moore, May salary		25 00
321.	Miss Mabel Howell, April and May salary		166 66
322.	Miss Emelina Valdes, April and May salary		140 00
323.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, May salary		50 00
324.	Miss Emily J. Reid, April and May salaries		1,350 00
325.	Bishop E. R. Hendrix, expenses to Board meeting		25 00
326.	Louise Whitman, traveling expenses		80 00
327.	Miss Josephine Baker, Wolff Mission School		650 00
328.	Mrs. J. J. Dickey, deaconesses' bonnets		28 00
329.	Mrs. Luke Johnson		2 55
330.	A. W. Mohn, expenses to Board meeting		10 44
331.	Rev. Charles W. Byrd, expenses to Board meeting		10 00
332.	J. C. Lewis, repairs, etc., at Sue Bennett		461 00
333.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, June salary and office expenses		350 00
334.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, June salary		50 00
335.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, June expenses A. B. C		350 00
336.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, June salary		25 00
337.	Mrs. M. J. Gramlin, Ruth Hargrove		50 00
338.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, June salary		25 00
339.	C. F. Reid, July expenses for Pacific Coast		512 00
340.	C. H. Trowbridge, Brevard, painting, etc		400 00
341.	E. E. Bishop, Vashti, expense for June		379 00

342.	J. C. Lewis, June	$ 150 00
343.	Miss Mary E. Smith, traveling deaconess	45 00
344.	Miss Eugenia Smith, traveling deaconess	35 00
345.	Miss Ellen Young, June salary	50 00
346.	Miss Josephine Baker, June salary and summer expenses	110 00
347.	Miss Alice Guernsey, leaflets, etc	5 50
348.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, June salary and expense to Board	60 00
349.	Miss Mabel Head, June salary and travel	175 00
350.	Miss Gertrude Moore, June salary	25 00
351.	Willett Press Co	37 50
352.	First National Bank, for money borrowed	4,000 00
353.	First National Bank, 50 per cent dues, first quarter	6,026 49
354.	W. F. McMurry, Memorial L. F., $49.65; E. E. F., $39.80	89 45
355.	Miss Janette Haskin, summer study	50 00
356.	Miss Helen Gibson, deaconess	100 00
357.	Miss Elizabeth Taylor, deaconess	150 00
358.	Hatch & Hatch	18 25
359.	American Paper Company	16 02
360.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, baby beds	100 00
361.	Miss Belle H. Bennett, office expenses	300 00
362.	American National Bank, for money borrowed from McEachern Fund (Blalock playground, Tampa, Fla., $800; for current expenses, $545.11)	1,345 11
363.	First National Bank, for money borrowed from Paine for current expenses	402 03
364.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett (expense of damage suit, $380.40; repairs, $500)	880 40
365.	Miss Janette Haskins	50 00
366.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, July salary	50 00
367.	Miss Fannie Mann, deaconess	100 00
368.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland (office, $25; July salary, $50)	75 00
369.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, July salary	150 00
370.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, July salary	25 00
371.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, July expenses	350 00
372.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, July salary	25 00
373.	Mrs. M. J. Gramlin, Ruth Hargrove	50 00
374.	Miss Ellen Young, July salary	50 00
375.	Miss Josephine Baker, July salary	50 00
376.	Miss Mabel Head, July salary and travel	175 00
377.	Miss Gertrude Moore, July salary	25 00
378.	C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, August	512 00
379.	E. E. Bishop, Vashti, July	379 00
380.	Mrs. Nancy Bevan, interest on annuity	62 50
381.	Mrs. Mary Morton, interest on annuity	15 00
382.	W. F. McMurry, Purvis, Miss	250 00
383.	C. H. Trowbridge, incidentals and salaries	277 80
384.	Lee & Lee, insurance at A. B. C	50 00
385.	Mrs. M. N. Carr, June and July expenses	60 00
386.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, August salary	50 00
387.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, August salary	150 00
388.	Mrs. J. W. Perry, Tithing Department	25 00
389.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, August salary	25 00
390.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, A. B. C. for August	350 00
391.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, A. B. C. for August	25 00
392.	Miss Mabel Howell, clerical help	50 00
393.	Miss Ellen Young, August salary	50 00
394.	Miss Josephine Baker, salary and expenses for August	100 00
395.	Miss Mabel Head, August salary	75 00
396.	Miss Gertrude Moore, August salary	25 00
397.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, August salary	50 00
398.	C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast for September	512 00
399.	E. E. Bishop, August expenses	379 00
400.	A. W. Mohn, summer and household expenses	200 00
401.	Smith & Lamar, printing	1,000 00
402.	J. C. Lewis, July and August salary	300 00
403.	Miss Ella Overton, Louisville City Mission	55 48
404.	Miss E. L. Hill, Houston City Mission	26 90
405.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Macon City Mission	36 41
406.	Mrs. T. H. Temple, Memphis City Mission	27 86
407.	Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Dallas City Mission	47 10
408.	Mrs. J. M. Hull, Kansas City City Mission	115 00
409.	Mrs. Will Pollard, Nashville City Mission	42 65
410.	Mrs. R. I. Owens, Richmond City Mission	21 09
411.	Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Atlanta and Augusta City Missions	140 70
412.	Mrs. William S. Baker, St. Louis City Mission	91 90

413.	Mrs. William Thomas, Mobile City Mission	$ 43 20
414.	Miss Mabel Head, salary and travel	175 00
415.	C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast for October	512 00
416.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, September salary and office	350 00
417.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, September salary	50 00
418.	Miss Gertrude Moore, September salary	25 00
419.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, September salary	50 00
420.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, September salary	25 00
421.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, September salary	25 00
422.	Rev. J. B. Sears, immigrant work, Galveston	500 00
423.	E. E. Bishop, Vashti for September	515 00
424.	A. W. Mohn, Ruth Hargrove (September salaries, $593.33; repairs, $250)	843 33
425.	C. H. Trowbridge, Brevard, September salaries	456 00
426.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett (September salaries, $730.65; incidentals and repairs, $1,000)	1,730 65
427.	Bastian Bros., Brigade pins	46 05
428.	Brandon Printing Company	22 50
429.	Miss Josephine Baker, September accounts	230 00
430.	Miss Emelina Valdes, salary and repairs	120 00
431.	Miss Mabel Howell, September salary	83 33
432.	Miss Sue Lyon, September A. B. C.	350 00
433.	Miss Ellen Young, September salaries	140 00
434.	A. H. Hutchinson, Probate Court charges on will of Mrs. Julia Moore	6 00
435.	Miss Alice Guernsey, songs	6 67
436.	First National Bank, for money borrowed	2,700 00
437.	Mrs. Edward Alvis, immigrant work	150 00
438.	Miss Daisy Duncan, deaconess	100 00
439.	First National Bank, 50 per cent dues, second quarter	6,377 65
440.	W. F. McMurry (E. E. F., $115.50; P. W. L. F., $5; Memorial, $40; City Mission End., .50)	161 00
441.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, October salary	150 00
442.	Mrs. Will Pollard, Nashville City Mission	42 65
443.	Mrs. William Baker, St. Louis City Mission	91 90
444.	Miss Elizabeth Hill, Houston City Mission	26 90
445.	Mrs. Henry Jackson, Dallas City Mission	47 10
446.	Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Atlanta and Augusta City Missions	140 70
447.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Macon City Mission	36 41
448.	Mrs. J. M. Hull, Kansas City City Mission	115 00
449.	Miss Ella Overton, Louisville City Mission	55 48
450.	Mrs. T. H. Temple, Memphis City Mission	27 86
451.	Mrs. William Thomas, Mobile City Mission	21 09
452.	Mrs. R. I. Owens, Richmond City Mission	21 09
453.	Hatch & Hatch, printers	8 75
454.	Miss Ellen Young, Paine, October	140 00
455.	Miss Josephine Baker, October salaries	230 00
456.	Miss Mabel Head, October salary	75 00
457.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, October salary	50 00
458.	Miss Mabel Howell, October salary	83 33
459.	Miss Gertrude Moore, October salary	25 00
460.	Miss Emelina Valdes, October salary	85 00
461.	Mrs. Edward Alvis, New Orleans City Mission	150 00
462.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, October salary	25 00
463.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, October salary	50 00
464.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, October salary	25 00
465.	C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast for November	512 00
466.	C. H. Trowbridge, Brevard, for October salaries	456 00
467.	E. E. Bishop, Vashti for October salaries	515 00
468.	A. W. Mohn, Ruth Hargrove for October salaries	593 33
469.	American Paper Box Co	82 25
470.	J. C. Lewis, for October salaries	730 65
471.	Miss Sue Lyon, A. B. C. for October salaries	393 00
472.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office $200 and November salary	350 00
473.	Miss Adeline Peeples, deaconess, November and December	40 00
474.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, November salary	50 00
475.	Miss Belle H. Bennett, travel	100 00
476.	E. E. Bishop	1,000 00
477.	Mrs. Charles Phelps, Press Department	30 00
478.	A. W. Mohn, Ruth Hargrove, November and December salaries, $1,206.66; debt, $150	1,356 66
479.	Clyde S. Black, leaflets	96 45
480.	J. C. Lewis, incidentals, $500; piano, $107	607 00
481.	C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast for December and January	1,024 00
482.	J. C. Lewis, November salaries	750 00

483.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, December salary	$ 150 00
484.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, December salary	50 00
485.	Miss Gertrude Moore, November and December salary	50 00
486.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, November and December salary	100 00
487.	Miss Mabel Head, November and December salary	150 00
488.	Miss Sue Lyon, November and December salaries	700 00
489.	Miss Emelina Valdes, November and December salary	170 00
500.	Miss Josephine Baker, November and December salaries	460 00
501.	Miss Ellen Young, November and December salaries	280 00
502.	Miss Mabel Howell, November and December salary	166 66
503.	Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, deaconess scholarships	1,170 00
504.	C. H. Trowbridge, November and December expenses	912 00
505.	E. E. Bishop, November and December expenses	1,030 00
506.	J. C. Lewis, balance on December	711 30
507.	J. E. McCulloch, deaconess scholarships	749 00
508.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, November and December salary	50 00
509.	Mrs. Edward Alvis, November and December salary	100 00
510.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, November and December salary	50 00
511.	Miss Alice Guernsey, books and leaflets	17 44
512.	Mrs. J. J. Dickey, deaconess bonnets	3 00
513.	Mrs. F. E. Ross, insurance at Brevard	97 20
514.	Lee & Lee, insurance at A. B. C. M. H. and T. S.	100 00
515.	Charles Scribner's Sons, "Home Mission Handicraft"	69 45
516.	Smith & Lamar, printing	1,399 30
517.	First National Bank, for money borrowed	2,000 00
518.	N. E. Joyner, Gulf Coast, first quarter's remittance	500 00
519.	A. W. Mohn, debt at Ruth Hargrove	100 00
520.	First National Bank, 50 per cent dues, third quarter	6,450 87
521.	W. F. McMurry, Memorial L. F., $5; E. E. F., $20.25; P. W. L. F., $5	30 25
522.	Union Bank & Trust Co., Paine Annex Fund	1,198 20
523.	Mrs. Edward Alvis, New Orleans	50 00
524.	Mrs. Charles Phelps, December salary	30 00
525.	Miss Margaret Ragland, deaconess	37 00
526.	Home Missions of Presbyterian Church	3 11
527.	American Paper Box Co	11 88
528.	Mr. W. W. Carre, for Mr. Mittenburg, Gulf Coast	15 00
529.	Wolff Record Book account ($200 borrowed for Wolff Mission School; $492 for seven deaconesses' summer rest and study)	692 00
530.	W. H. M. S., periodicals for deaconesses	61 25
531.	C. F. Reid, for piano—special	40 00
532.	J. C. Lewis, special gifts to Sue Bennett	42 30
533.	E. E. Bishop, specials to Vashti	144 95
534.	Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, interest on annuity	22 50
535.	W. F. McMurry, interest on money loaned to Japanese school.	199 41
536.	Mrs. Mary Morton, interest on annuity	15 00
537.	Mrs. Nancy Bevan, interest on annuity	62 50
538.	Mrs. William Pollard, Nashville City Mission	42 65
539.	Mrs. R. I. Owens, Richmond City Mission	21 09
540.	Mrs. J. M. Hull, Kansas City City Mission	115 00
541.	Mrs. William Baker, St. Louis City Mission	91 90
542.	Miss Ella Overton, Louisville City Mission	55 48
543.	Miss E. L. Hill, Houston City Mission	26 90
544.	Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Dallas City Mission	47 10
545.	Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Atlanta and Augusta City Missions	140 70
546.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Macon City Mission	36 41
547.	Mrs. T. H. Temple, Memphis City Mission	27 86
548.	Mrs. William Thomas, Mobile City Mission	43 20
549.	Rev. J. B. Sears, Galveston work	500 00
550.	W. F. McMurry, parsonages	3,325 00
551.	Mrs. W. W. Carre, rent of house for city missions	50 00
552.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, specials for Macon Door of Hope	41 75
553.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, January salary	150 00
554.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, January salary	50 00
555.	Miss Gertrude Moore, January salary	30 00
556.	Miss Mabel Head, January salary	75 00
557.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, January salary	50 00
558.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, January salary	25 00
559.	Mrs. Charles Phelps, January salary	30 00
560.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, January salary	25 00
561.	Miss Sue Lyon, A. B. C. M. H. and T. S., January	350 00
562.	Miss Ellen Young, Paine, January salaries	140 00
563.	Miss Mabel Howell, January salary	83 33
564.	Miss Josephine Baker, January salaries	230 00

565.	Miss Emelina Valdes, January salary	$ 85 00
566.	C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, February salaries	512 00
567.	A. W. Mohn, January salaries	653 33
568.	J. C. Lewis, January salaries	730 65
569.	E. E. Bishop, January salaries	515 00
570.	C. H. Trowbridge, January salaries	456 00
571.	Miss Belle H. Bennett, office	150 00
572.	Mrs. George Call, expenses to Galveston and Beaumont	18 25
573.	Mrs. W. B. Sullins, expenses to midwinter Board meeting	17 55
574.	Mrs. L. P. Smith, expenses to midwinter Board meeting	48 50
575.	Miss Adeline Peeples, deaconess	35 00
576.	J. C. Lewis, pavements, etc	299 44
577.	Miss Florence Fellows, expenses of Woman's Council	10 00
578.	W. H. M. S., M. E. C., for "Coming Americans"	2 71
579.	W. T. Griffin, Gulf Coast work	150 00
580.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, February salary	150 00
581.	Mrs. James Key, for deaconess expenses	55 05
582.	E. E. Bishop, for debt on purchase of property	1,000 00
583.	J. B. Sears, Gulf Coast work	500 00
584.	A. H. Hutchinson, taxes on Julia Moore land legacy	5 52
585.	Miss Tina Tucker	75 00
586.	Mrs. F. E. Ross, five years' insurance at Brevard	267 30
587.	Miss Mabel Head, travel	100 00
588.	Nicholas E. Joyner, New Orleans	850 00
589.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office	100 00
590.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, February salary	50 00
591.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, February salary	25 00
592.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, February salary	25 00
593.	Miss Sue Lyon, February salaries	350 00
594.	Miss Adeline Peeples, deaconess, February salary	42 50
595.	Miss Mabel Head, February salary	75 00
596.	Miss Gertrude Moore, February salary	30 00
597.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, February salary	50 00
598.	Miss Mabel Howell, February salary	83 33
599.	Miss Josephine Baker, February salaries	230 00
600.	Miss Emelina Valdes, February salaries	85 00
601.	Miss Ellen Young, February salaries	140 00
602.	E. E. Bishop, February salary	515 00
603.	J. C. Lewis, February salaries	730 00
604.	C. H. Trowbridge, February salaries	456 00
605.	C. F. Reid, March salaries	512 00
606.	A. W. Mohn, February salaries	653 33
607.	C. H. Trowbridge, for land at Brevard	500 00
608.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, March salary	150 00
609.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, March salary	50 00
610.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, March salary	25 00
611.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, March salary	25 00
612.	Miss Adeline Peeples, March salary	35 00
613.	Miss Mabel Head, March salary	75 00
614.	Miss Mabel Howell, March salary	83 33
615.	Miss Gertrude Moore, March salary	30 00
616.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, March salary	50 00
617.	Miss Emelina Valdes, March salaries	85 00
618.	Miss Ellen Young, March salaries	140 00
619.	Miss Daisy Williams, March salaries	280 00
620.	Miss Sue Lyon, March salaries	350 00
621.	A. W. Mohn, March salaries	653 33
622.	E. E. Bishop, March salaries	515 00
623.	C. H. Trowbridge, March salaries	456 00
624.	J. C. Lewis, March salaries	730 00
625.	C. F. Reid, April salaries	512 00
626.	Miss E. L. Hill, Houston City Missions	26 90
627.	Miss Ella Overton, Louisiana City Missions	55 48
628.	Mrs. William S. Baker, St. Louis City Missions	91 90
629.	Mrs. Henry E. Jackson, Dallas City Missions	47 10
630.	Mrs. J. H. McEachern, Atlanta and Augusta City Missions	140 70
631.	Mrs. T. H. Temple, Memphis City Missions	27 86
632.	Mrs. R. I. Owen, Richmond City Missions	21 09
633.	Mrs. W. C. Pollard, Nashville City Missions	42 65
634.	Mrs. J. M. Hull, Kansas City City Missions	115 00
635.	Mrs. William H. Thomas, Mobile City Missions	43 20
636.	Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Macon City Missions	36 41
637.	Miss Josephine Baker, insurance	87 50
638.	Miss Belle H. Bennett, office	250 00
639.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office	100 00

640.	Smith & Lamar, printing	$	236 32
641.	E. M. Gardner, for designing		40 00
642.	W. F. McMurry, interest on loan to Paine		80 00
643.	J. E. McCulloch, deaconess scholarships		630 00
644.	Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, deaconess scholarships		1,410 00
645.	E. E. Bishop, outstanding debts		1,189 00
646.	J. C. Lewis, outstanding debts		1,200 05
647.	J. B. Cave, payment on notes and interest on 39 acres of land at Dallas Rescue Home		3,989 00
648.	Mrs. Charles Phelps, February and March salary		60 00
649.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, special, Macon Door of Hope		21 25
650.	J. C. Lewis, special for piano		13 80
651.	Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Week of Prayer money sent in by Mrs. W. H. Johnson and now returned to her		323 00
652.	Miss Louie Bruer's expenses to Dallas		34 35
653.	Miss Daisy Williams, insurance at Wolff Mission		28 75
654.	J. D. Hamilton, Galveston, $228.23; Gulfport, $167.08		395 31
655.	W. F. McMurry, L. F., E. E. F., and City Mission E. F.		135 60
656.	First National Bank, 50 per cent of dues, fourth quarter		10,474 24
657.	Union Bank & Trust Co., balance collected to date for Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga		2,478 09
658.	E. E. Bishop, for rooms at Vashti		215 40
659.	American National Bank, Week of Prayer money for Dallas Rescue Home		8,636 02
	Total expenditures through Fourth National Bank		$135,825 35

The following items were paid from the McEachern funds through the American National Bank:

E. E. Bishop	$2,000 00	
J. B. Sears	500 00	
Miss Josephine Baker	800 00	
E. E. Bishop	818 91—	4,118 91

The following item was paid from the Paine Fund through the First National Bank:

George Williams Walker	$ 402 03—	402 03
Grand total of expenditures for year		$140,346 29

We have this day examined the books of Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer of the Home Mission Society, from April 7, 1908, to April 7, 1909, and find proper vouchers and receipts for all money paid out, also proper balance on hand to agree with balance in bank book of the Fourth National Bank.

J. H. KIRKLAND.
D. M. SMITH.

May 25, 1909.

DISBURSEMENT OF CONFERENCE HALF OF DUES, 1908-09.

97.	Mrs. C. S. McCausland, Columbia Conference	$	15 79
1.	Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Florida Conference		62 39
2.	Mrs. Jennie Brown, Southwest Missouri Conference		200 00
3.	Mrs. R. I. Owen, Virginia Conference		202 76
4.	W. F. McMurry, Denmark, Memphis Conference, $50; Hornbrook, Memphis Conference, $100; Paducah Circuit, Memphis Conference, $100; Belmont, Memphis Conference, $75; West Murray, Memphis Conference, $100; Middle Avenue, Memphis Conference, $100; Saltillo, Memphis Conference, $75		600 00
5.	W. F. McMurry, Belleflower, Missouri Conference, $100; New London, Missouri Conference, $100; Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina Conference, $100; Ringgold, Louisiana Conference, $300		600 00
6.	W. F. McMurry, Rosen Heights, Northwest Texas Conference, $45; Lawtonville, South Georgia Conference, $100; Cape Girardeau, St. Louis Conference, $400; Rivers Memorial, Louisville Conference, $300		845 00
7.	Miss E. L. Curl, Little Rock Conference		872 67
8.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, literature		396 56
9.	W. F. McMurry, Cordele District, South Georgia Conference, $150; Bald Knob, White River Conference, $100		250 00
10.	Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Arkansas Conference		10 00
11.	Mrs. T. H. Temple, Memphis Conference		89 41
12.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, South Georgia Conference		316 58
13.	Mrs. C. N. Vaught, North Alabama Conference		200 00
14.	W. F. McMurry, La Grande, East Columbia Conference, $60; Silver Creek, Mississippi Conference, $150; Haywood, Western North Carolina Conference, $75; West End, Georgetown, South Carolina Conference, $250		475 00

15. Fourth National Bank, borrowed ..... $ 4,000 00
16. Mrs. William Thomas, Alabama Conference 343 42
17. W. F. McMurry, Belmont, Baltimore Conference, $100; Morehead, Kentucky Conference, $230; Marvin Chapel, Los Angeles Conference, $25; Melrose, New Mexico Conference, $100; Tucumcari, New Mexico Conference, $50; Lovejoy Memorial, Newnan, North Georgia Conference, $500; Culloden, North Georgia Conference, $100; Bowden, North Georgia Conference, $100; Dahlonega, North Georgia Conference, $300 ..... 1,505 00
18. W. F. McMurry, Geneva, South Georgia Conference 100 00
19. Mrs. George Call, Texas Conference 476 62
20. Mrs. J. A. Bishop, Mississippi Conference 28 00
21. Mrs. R. C. Holt, Louisiana Conference 2 50
22. Mrs. M. E. Edgerton, North Carolina Conference 120 00
23. Mrs. Frank Clark, Missouri Conference 158 62
24. Returned unused.
25. Mrs. R. L. Swan, Western North Carolina Conference 125 15
26. Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference 50 00
27. Mrs. J. W. Wolff, Western Virginia Conference 117 90
28. W. F. McMurry, Alba, Texas Conference, $63; Shelbyville, Texas Conference, $50; Coffeeville, Texas Conference, $150; Burkville, Texas Conference, $100; Wharton, Texas Conference, $100; Loraine, Texas Conference, $225; West End, Galveston, Texas Conference, $125; Troupe, Texas Conference, $125; Growerton, Texas Conference, $175 ..... 1,113 00
29. W. F. McMurry, Langsdale, North Alabama Conference, $100; East Birmingham, North Alabama Conference, $150; Haleysville, North Alabama Conference, $150 ..... 400 00
30. P. W. Jeffreys, Baltimore Conference 130 00
31. Mrs. Bertha M. Scales, North Mississippi Conference 300 00
32. W. F. McMurry, Monterey, Tennessee Conference, $100; Gordonsville Circuit, Tennessee Conference, $100; Ethridge and Laurel Hill, Tennessee Conference, $100; Walnut Grove, Tennessee Conference, $75; Lynchburg, Tennessee Conference, $100; South Street, Nashville, Tennessee Conference, $75; Adams, Tennessee Conference, $100; Montgomery, Tennessee Conference, $150; McEwen, Tennessee Conference, $100; Bolivar, Southwest Missouri Conference, $100; Morehead, Kentucky Conference, $95 ..... 1,095 00
33. W. F. McMurry, Vera, Northwest Texas Conference, $100; Moody, Northwest Texas Conference, $125; Kirk, Northwest Texas Conference, $100; Dumas, Northwest Texas Conference, $100; Valley Mills, Northwest Texas Conference, $100; Weatherford Street, Fort Worth, Northwest Texas Conference, $150 ..... 675 00
34. W. F. McMurry, Madera, Pacific Conference, $75; Henrietta, North Texas Conference, $200; McFall, Missouri Conference, $116; Columbia, Florida Conference, $50; Mayo, Florida Conference, $100; Mulberry, Florida Conference, $100; Cumberland, Burksville Circuit, Louisiana Conference, $50; Woodlawn, Louisville Conference, $100; Eunice, Louisiana Conference, $125 ..... 846 00
35. W. F. McMurry, Gin, Oklahoma Conference, $50; Elm Street, Cairo, St. Louis Conference, $300; Cornish, Oklahoma Conference, $125; Idabell, Oklahoma Conference, $150; Warren Circuit, Oklahoma Conference, $100; Vinita Avenue, Sulphur, Oklahoma Conference, $150 ..... 875 00
36. W. F. McMurry, Carter Avenue, Ardmore, Oklahoma Conference 75 00
37. Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Florida Conference 175 00
38. W. F. McMurry, Iuka, North Mississippi Conference, $100; Greenwood Springs, North Mississippi Conference, $50; Columbus District, South Georgia Conference, $150; Broad Street, Columbus, South Georgia Conference, $100; Colesville, Baltimore Conference, $100; Batesville District, White River Conference, $150; Gary, Holston Conference, $100; Appalachia, Holston Conference, $200 ..... 950 00
39. W. F. McMurry, Etowah, Holston Conference 400 00
40. Fourth National Bank, borrowed 2,700 00
41. W. F. McMurry, Guthrie, Oklahoma Conference 100 00
42. Mrs. C. L. McCausland, Columbia Conference 23 05
43. Mrs. Fannie E. Rice, Denver Conference 7 40
44. Miss Ella Overton, Louisville Conference 75 00

45. Mrs. F. W. Crame, North Alabama Conference..... $ 50 00
46. Mrs. J. N. McEachern, North Georgia Conference..... 325 71
47. Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference..... 75 00
48. Mrs. H. E. Jackson, North Texas Conference..... 600 00
49. Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Holston Conference..... 150 00
50. Mrs. C. L. McCausland, Columbia Conference..... 22 22
51A. W. F. McMurry, Antlers, Oklahoma Conference, $75; Weatherford District, Oklahoma Conference, $100; Rockledge, South Georgia Conference, $150..... 325 00
51B. W. F. McMurry, Clover, Virginia Conference, $150; First Church, Pueblo, Denver Conference, $100; Tallulah, Louisiana Conference, $100; Wright, Northwest Texas Conference, $150; Coahoma, Northwest Texas Conference, $150; Childress, Northwest Texas Conference, $200; Hermleigh, Northwest Texas Conference, $150..... 1,000 00
52. Miss Annie Clements, Baltimore Conference..... 111 80
53. Mrs. William S. Baker, St. Louis Conference..... 150 00
54. W. F. McMurry, Brantley, Alabama Conference, $100; Tallassee, Alabama Conference, $125; Warrenton, Baltimore Conference, $100; Crabtown, Baltimore Conference, $100.. 425 00
55. W. F. McMurry, Broomfield, North Mississippi Conference, $75; Grand Bay, Alabama Conference, $75; McCredie, Missouri Conference, $200; Albertville, North Alabama Conference, $100; Hatteras, North Carolina Conference, $100; Jones, North Carolina Conference, $100; Robertsonville, North Carolina Conference, $100; Chapel Hill, North Carolina Conference, $100; Middlesburg, Florida Conference, $150; Owensboro, Breckenridge Street, Louisville Conference, $50; Givensburg, Louisville Conference, $50; Bogue Chitto, Mississippi Conference, $200; Carrizozo, New Mexico Conference, $100 ..... 1,400 00
56. Mrs. Calla Williams, North Mississippi Conference..... 100 00
57. W. F. McMurry, Cabool, St. Louis Conference..... 150 00
58. W. F. McMurry, Milltown, South Georgia Conference, $200; Center Point, Little Rock Conference, $75 ..... 275 00
59. Miss E. L. Hill, Texas Conference..... 150 00
60. Mrs. S. G. Smith, Arkansas Conference..... 60 00
61. Mrs. M. H. Blackwell, Denver Conference..... 16 50
62. W. F. McMurry, South Austin, West Texas Conference, $150; Martindale, West Texas Conference, $150; Smiley, West Texas Conference, $175; Elloree, South Carolina Conference, $150; Basic City, Baltimore Conference, $100; Ozark, Arkansas Conference, $100; Danville, Arkansas Conference, $75 ..... 900 00
63. W. F. McMurry, Olah, Mississippi Conference..... 100 00
64. W. F. McMurry, Walla Walla, East Columbia Conference... 100 00
65. W. F. McMurry, balance due Ethridge and Laurel, Tennessee Conference 50 00
66. W. F. McMurry, Wheatley, White River Conference..... 100 00
67. W. F. McMurry, Mantachie, North Mississippi Conference.... 75 00
68. Mrs. J. M. Beale, Western Virginia Conference..... 41 13
69. W. F. McMurry, Denny Street, Richmond, Virginia Conference 100 00
70. Miss A. F. Floate, Los Angeles Conference..... 22 56
71. Fourth National Bank, borrowed 2,000 00
72. W. F. McMurry, Cartwright, Los Angeles Conference, $160; Havana, Florida Conference, $150; Mayo, Florida Conference, $150 ..... 460 00
73. Mrs. R. C. Holt, Louisiana Conference..... 25 00
74. Mrs. R. L. Swan, Western North Carolina Conference..... 78 24
75. Mrs. J. N. McEachern, North Georgia Conference..... 838 99
76. Mrs. H. E. Wilson, South Georgia Conference..... 150 00
77. Mrs. C. B. Clapp, Missouri Conference..... 63 55
78. Mrs. J. M. Hull, Southwest Missouri Conference..... 50 00
79. W. F. McMurry, Weston, East Columbia Conference, $50; Altus, Arkansas Conference, $150; Baker, Louisiana Conference, $75; Panhandle, Northwest Texas Conference, $150; Kirkland, Northwest Texas Conference, $150; Kennedale, Northwest Texas Conference, $125; Salinas, Pacific Conference, $200; Llano District, West Texas Conference, $100; Rochelle, West Texas Conference, $125..... 1,125 00
80. Mrs. William S. Baker, St. Louis Conference..... 76 54
81. W. F. McMurry, Whigham, South Georgia Conference, $100; Greenville Mission, North Texas Conference, $275; Paris District, North Texas Conference, $200..... 575 00

82.	W. F. McMurry, Marlington, Baltimore Conference, $100; Denny Street, Richmond, Virginia Conference, $50	$	150 00
83.	W. F. McMurry, Thayer, St. Louis Conference, $75; Knoxville, South Georgia Conference, $150		225 00
84.	Mrs. F. W. Crane, North Alabama Conference		50 00
85.	W. F. McMurry, Summeral, Mississippi Conference, $150; Brooklyn, Mississippi Conference, $100; Dimmitt, Northwest Texas Conference, $100		350 00
86.	W. F. McMurry, Cimarron, Oklahoma Conference, $100; Ideal, South Georgia Conference, $100		200 00
87.	Miss Ella Overton, Louisville Conference		50 00
88.	W. F. McMurry, Riesel, Northwest Texas Conference, $100; balance due on Ideal, South Georgia Conference, $100		200 00
89.	W. F. McMurry, Sale City, South Georgia Conference		200 00
90.	Miss Annie Clements, Baltimore Conference		34 55
91.	Mrs. R. C. Holt, Louisiana Conference		100 00
92.	W. F. McMurry, Meigs, South Georgia Conference		200 00
93.	Mrs. C. L. McCausland, Columbia Conference		25 05
94.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference		100 00
95.	Miss E. L. Hill, Texas Conference		80 10
96.	Mrs. R. L. Swan, Western North Carolina Conference		60 34
97.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Holston Conference		175 00
98.	Mrs. R. C. Holt, Louisiana Conference		4 15
99.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, South Georgia Conference		150 00
100.	Mrs. H. E. Jackson, North Texas Conference		200 00
101.	Mrs. D. L. Stephens, Northwest Texas Conference		569 37
102.	Mrs. F. C. Floyd, Little Rock Conference		786 80
103.	W. F. McMurry, Keytesville, Missouri Conference, $100; Eden, Louisiana Conference, $100; St. Francisville, Louisiana Conference, $100; Kosciusko, North Mississippi Conference, $150; Elmo, North Texas Conference, $150; Clyde and Bovina, Northwest Texas Conference, $275; Micanopy, Florida Conference, $150; Robertsville, Holston Conference, $75; Spring Hill and Mount Pleasant, North Carolina Conference, $100; Midland Heights, Arkansas Conference, $50; Vinton Pass, Baltimore Conference, $100; Cartwright, Los Angeles Conference, $140		1,490 00
	Total disbursements	$	39,950 42

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR 1908-09.

CONFERENCE.	Dues.	Specials.	Loan Funds	Educational Endowment Fund.	Total.	City Missions per Voucher.
Alabama	$ 1,268 54	$ 661 78			$ 1,9 0 32	$ 1,8.9 67
Arkansas	792 41	331 31		$ 16 50	1,140 2	
Baltimore	1,0-3 42	1,764 7			2,848 15	170 77
Columbia	198 50	61 66			260 16	
Denver	196 10	23 83			219 9	
East Columbia	152 40	15 37			167 77	
Florida	2,335 77	1,238 24			3,574 0	
German Mission	35 0				35 00	
Holston	2,459 01	2,181 32			4,610 33	892 00
Kentucky	1,365 73	2,008 60			3,374 33	
Little Rock	1,726 98	2,191 07		5 00	3,923 0	
Los Angeles	527 00	279 77			806 77	2,690 61
Louisiana	1,329 48	1,380 18			2,709 66	924 57
Louisville	1,[illegible]01 77	1,7 7 06	$ 40 00	5 00	2,966 8	1,989 89
Memphis	1,694 49	623 74			2, 18 2	1, 31 43
Missi-sippi	1,389 38	662 5			2,0 1 9	
Missouri	1,117 47	645 91			1,763 41	
Montana	139 55	20 55			160 10	
New Mexico	529 35	186 77			716 12	
North Alabama	1,554 16	892 5			2,446 66	781 85
North Carolina	1,6 6 48	1,788 37			3 424 85	
North Georgia	3,371 22	5,976 08	1 0 00		9,487 20	7,952 84
North Mississippi	2,088 4	1,4 6 81		60 65	3,615 92	
North Texas	3 0 8 47	4,174 06		18 25	7,720 78	2,086 90
Northwest Texas	5,763 34	5,678 55	35 00	23 0	11,499 89	659 34
Oklahoma	2,855 9	607 72			3,463 67	
Pacific	918 18	208 77			1,126 9	
South Carolina	1,188 80	1,026 09			2,214 89	
South Georgia	3,350 07	4,444 40	5 00		7,799 47	2,090 62
Southwest Missouri	1,877 44	90 21			2,77 65	7,156 47
St. Louis	1,894 19	2,391 00		1 05	4,286 24	4,5 4 02
Tennessee	1,934 39	1,751 9	19 00		3,705 30	1,527 62
Texas	3,215 74	3,817 41			7,093 15	2,478 54
Virginia	1,399 43	1,575 11	20 00	10 00	3,004 54	1,070 74
West Texas	2,082 27	1,007 75		12 00	3,102 02	
Western North Carolina	1,162 62	1,182 73	10 00		2,355 3	3 6 67
Western Virginia	406 97	123 50			533 47	
White River	883 92	521 67			1,405 59	
From other sources		10,921 98			10,921 98	
Total	$60,187 42	$66,486 10	$269 00	$151 45	$127,093 97	$40,724 53

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Amount received from dues	$ 60,187 42	
Amount received from specials	66,486 10	
Amount received from loan funds	269 00	
Amount received from Educational Endowment Fund	151 45	
Amount received from balance of April 1, 1908	1,456 01	
Total		$128,549 98
Amount borrowed for general use from Conference dues	$ 8,700 00	
Amount borrowed for general use from Florine McEachern funds	545 11	
Amount borrowed from Florine McEachern funds for special payments set forth in table of expenditures	4,118 91	
Amount borrowed in like manner from Paine fund	402 03	
Total		13,766 05
Grand total receipts for year		$14 ,316 03
Grand total expenditures for year		140,346 29
Balance according to Treasurer's books		$ 1,969 74

NOTE.—Of the sums reported borrowed in the above statement there is still due the McEachern funds the sum of $3,318 91. If this amount were paid, the year's accounts would show a deficit of $1,349.17.

RECAPITULATION.

Collected for connectional work	$127,093 97
Reported by voucher	40,724 53
Expended for local work	283,428 44
	$151,246 94

Signed: MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, *General Treasurer.*

A STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Moneys received for different objects and not yet paid to them:

Dallas Rescue Home, new building	$3,525 00
Special to Sue Bennett	600 00
Florine McEachern funds, 1908-09	2,500 00
Borrowed from McEachern funds and still due	3,318 91
	$9 943 91

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND.

ANNUAL REPORT OF LOCAL WORK BY CONFERENCE TREASURERS, 1908–09.

CONFERENCE.	Amount Expended on Parsonages During Year.	Total Expended on Local Church Work.	Value of Supplies Given Locally.	Raised and Expended on Needy.	Report Here all Special Work Not Included in Preceding Questions.
Alabama	$ 1,601 96	$ 5,401 2	$ 577 51	$ 391 15	
Arkansas	1,254 51	435 8	218 68	159 79	$ 5 00
Baltimore	3,402 89	1,711 31	514 48	732 41	87 57
Columbia					30 59
Denver					
East Columbia	7 2 48	341 35		42 50	
Florida	2,649 8	9 32 09	795 73	505 67	270 00
German Mission				651 55	
Holston	1,508 7	2,126 67	829 94	829 68	2,358 40
Kentucky	1,037 88	1,228 88		651 5	
Little Rock	2,005 03	5,126 98	1,124 94	1,739 26	1,180 89
Los Angeles	1,004 51	471 7	323 46	356 6	442 45
Louisiana	2,049 99	2,254 79	647 38	1,426 99	362 94
Louisville	724 96	5 7 57	313 58	167 21	
Memphis	2,869 40	3,034 25	2,003 49	780 20	204 64
Mississippi	1, 98 55	999 80	776 01	872 89	711 18
Missouri	1,626 1	2,191 94	1,017 6	143 88	104 80
Montana	182 89	22 35	25 40	36 4	448 86
New Mexico					
North Alabama	3,502 9	8,762 28	816 55	1,425 76	
North Carolina	1,814 8	2,224 36	829 80	1,116 66	67 34
North Georgia	6,150 4	1,5 0 11	3,279 08	4,508 45	1,758 16
North Mississippi	2,423 93	4,180 71	767 47	1,147 32	25 00
North Texas	6,199 91	6,115 90	2,096 96	2,031 39	
Northwest Texas	11,368 73	11,151 91	2,361 61	1,5 8 35	978 97
Oklahoma	5,774 81	4,2 5 45	1,190 17	671 49	140 60
Pacific	1,887 57	3,311 57	635 17	282 36	52 50
South Carolina	821 57	2,895 45	227 09	468 92	133 75
South Georgia	5,191 25	3,818 77	1,583 99	2,928 61	
Southwest Missouri	2,111 97	3,812 56	1,260 61	6 8 78	
St. Louis	1,856 41	3,359 91	2,746 59	2,072 69	532 94
Tennessee	1,732 52	2,134 27	2,081 08	1,816 10	126 30
Texas	9,810 05	9,420 39	3,076 31	2,042 3	1,475 60
Virginia	1 129 82	3,213 58	2,816 16	1,396 74	596 85
West Texas	4,459 71	4,108 19	679 47	614 57	5 95
Western North Carolina	1,609 08	953 70	1,5 77 22	411 9	147 21
Western Virginia	1,044 63	758 30	542 52	121 14	212 80
White River	1,224 40	792 6	78 47	306 85	20 00
Total	$91,634 44	$103,586 81	$37,58 48	$35,144 30	$12,481 38

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, *General Treasurer.*

FLORINE McEACHERN FUND.

COLLECTIONS.

Through Florine McEachern Mite Boxes, 1903-08.	$12,548 67	
From Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McEachern	10,000 00	$22,548 67

INVESTMENTS.

Loans on real estate made at intervals since 1904		14
Loans matured		4
Loans out April 1, 1909		10
Total invested in loans	$16,729 00	
Balance uninvested	5,819 67	$22,548 67
Total interest on real estate loans April 1, 1909		$ 3,520 49
Interest paid for deaconess training to April, 1908	$ 625 00	
Interest invested in real estate	221 00	
Interest paid to General Treasurer for expenses of deaconess for fiscal year 1908-09	1,278 44	$ 2,124 44
Balance April, 1909		$ 396 05

EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR 1908-09.

Salary of teacher of Sociology at Scarritt Bible and Training School	$ 750 00	
Deaconess in training	180 00	
Study of two deaconesses at Chicago	250 00	
Study of kindergarten missionary	100 00	
Periodicals for deaconesses and missionaries	61 25	$ 1,341 25

ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

For Year Ending March 31, 1909.

Conference.	Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Young People Auxiliaries.	Young People Members.	Brigades.	Brigade Members.	Total Members.	Names Added to Baby Roll.	Life Members Added During the Year.	Subscribers to Our Homes.	Taking Home Mission Reading Course.	Pledged to Tithing.	Boxes Supplies Sent Off Reported to Supt. Supply Dept.	Papers and Leaflets Distributed.	Visits Made to Sick and Strangers.	Visits Made to Corrective or Benevolent Institutions.	Cottage Prayer Meetings Held or Bible-Readings Given.	Garments Given.	Needy Assisted.	Auxiliaries Represented in City Mission Boards.	Observing Week of Prayer.
Alabama	58	1,532	4	106	18	976	2,614	99	1	478	478	200	6	10,013	10,369	484	435	4,879	.....	.....	30
Arkansas	42	1,000	.....	.....	6	233	1,233	.....	.....	303	25	103	.....	4,122	5,936	25	205	1,708	.....	.....	30
Baltimore	73	1,369	3	68	10	569	2,006	.....	1	283	16	193	11	2,966	8,575	65	182	1,473	.....	.....	20
Columbia	14	214	.....	.....	6	136	350	.....	.....	50	24	8	.....	1,880	1,434	25	38	441	.....	.....	3
Denver	9	203	.....	.....	.....	7	210	.....	.....	47	.....	22	.....	2,281	949	55	.....	704	.....	.....	4
East Columbia	21	167	1	1	.....	.....	168	.....	.....	84	1	.....	5	401	215	.....	17	52	8	.....	.....
Florida	115	2,762	10	134	40	681	3,577	.....	.....	718	20	328	54	7,337	14,193	263	386	9,078	175	10	50
German Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holston	117	2,769	4	65	8	727	3,561	420	3	755	206	571	25	12,922	13,343	500	644	5,843	.....	8	86
Kentucky	67	1,232	14	213	21	292	1,737	.....	.....	411	310	13	17	7,448	7,427	18	291	3,135	.....	.....	.....
Little Rock	78	1,911	.....	.....	.....	150	2,061	.....	5	698	269	385	12	6,758	18,140	191	36	5,09	1,692	.....	31
Los Angeles	25	555	.....	.....	.....	208	763	62	.....	225	.....	161	21	2,256	4,905	.....	72	783	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana	67	1,553	5	121	.....	255	1,932	56	6	450	121	229	10	4,973	7,605	728	375	5,757	7,811	9	23
Louisville	51	1,180	5	78	11	200	1,458	.....	5	385	32	225	19	11,478	10,97	675	209	7,978	.....	.....	23
Memphis	84	2,050	12	500	3	75	2,625	99	1	598	19	277	8	14,450	17,585	316	996	3,017	.....	.....	25
Mississippi	116	1,727	7	63	.....	1,005	2,795	.....	.....	514	68	200	23	7,20.	8,021	98	283	5,117	.....	.....	32
Missouri	65	1,464	3	30	.....	182	1,676	53	.....	361	16	223	1	11,947	11,927	210	104	4,653	.....	.....	19
Montana	10	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	.....	.....	32	.....	12	.....	37	128	.....	.....	96	4	.....	1
New Mexico	31	655	.....	.....	.....	56	711	39	.....	180	1	86	.....	2,147	4,765	.....	293	1,208	.....	.....	8
North Alabama	65	1,950	13	204	.....	467	2,621	12	1	498	192	481	39	9,333	14,030	157	330	7,080	.....	12	76
North Carolina	58	1,599	6	117	.....	1,172	2,888	.....	1	492	.....	62	64	3,786	5,882	76	234	1,471	.....	.....	27
North Georgia	129	3,431	2	90	47	1,323	4,844	.....	4	1,139	158	897	86	27,843	25,581	848	471	11,601	.....	.....	80
North Mississippi	145	2,716	15	346	.....	908	3,970	187	2	699	18	265	54	3,340	6,000	10	270	2,000	750	.....	44
North Texas	131	2,813	7	263	16	448	3,524	181	2	1,158	329	265	138	15,858	36,655	982	830	12,599	.....	.....	65
Northwest Texas	293	6,230	8	167	85	1,825	8,222	43	10	2,138	351	1,050	76	22,232	46,522	311	810	11,131	.....	.....	138
Oklahoma	130	2,451	2	31	6	217	2,699	7	1	841	.....	80	2	3,621	21,576	19	513	5,898	.....	.....	49
Pacific	51	1,013	.....	.....	4	39	1,052	9	1	249	.....	160	6	2,479	6,965	25	60	3,045	298	.....	16
South Carolina	65	1,358	4	86	16	410	1,884	.....	1	273	.....	94	.....	1,955	3,521	77	121	621	.....	.....	14
South Georgia	139	3,625	12	224	33	943	4,792	215	.....	1,033	62	1,335	120	14,986	17,732	893	1,506	6,940	.....	.....	81
Southwest Missouri	80	2,018	5	115	12	268	2,401	25	.....	571	88	349	2	6,866	11,337	10	98	3,802	.....	.....	59
St. Louis	76	1,955	3	47	9	337	2,339	.....	1	428	10	202	10	26,019	12,111	592	16	9,377	.....	16	30
Tennessee	75	2,013	10	223	23	509	2,745	398	.....	566	.....	168	6	30,662	15,277	970	172	10,201	2,186	10	32
Texas	180	4,000	4	100	91	1,332	5,432	193	3	1,341	390	801	135	26,489	34,431	140	250	7,304	.....	7	70
Virginia	38	917	12	325	20	604	1,846	.....	1	338	51	154	47	1,846	1,739	217	41	1,107	408	12	32
West Texas	107	2,250	.....	.....	12	205	2,455	78	2	556	143	254	43	10,200	12,315	107	373	2,135	.....	.....	55
Western North Carolina	59	1,350	5	228	.....	67	1,645	11	.....	438	.....	202	8	4,309	6,400	46	.....	910	.....	.....	47
Western Virginia	17	322	1	13	.....	353	688	.....	.....	103	.....	73	3	1,430	1,799	15	15	292	57	.....	.....
White River	20	623	.....	.....	.....	110	733	.....	1	325	43	55	.....	413	1,299	.....	.....	253	.....	.....	9
Total	3,336	65,068	177	3,961	1041	17,319	86,348	2,187	52	*19823	3,441	10,193	1,040	323,290	427.768	13,034	11,145	158779	13,589	84	1309

* This includes 43 unclassified subscriptions.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, *General Secretary.*

MONEY RAISED AND EXPENDED SINCE ORGANIZATION.

	Connectional Work.	Local Work.
1887	$ 261 55	
1887-88	3,837 51	$ 5,381 40
1888-89	4,258 40	5,348 85
1889-90	2,954 88	11,599 43
1890-91	4,361 48	6.144 16
1891-92	3,727 51	10,541 69
1892-93	4,628 20	23,824 69
1893-94	4,995 37	15,098 93
1894-95	10,377 64	9,580 16
1895-96	19,301 72	32,825 38
1896-97	18,703 68	43,210 49
1897-98	20,971 19	48,828 88
1898-99	31,566 82	34,180 55
1899-1900	39,314 96	56,441 55
1900-01	54,486 93	55,874 64
1901-02	50,383 39	97,129 75
1902-03	56,754 93	32,163 11
1903-04	70,525 21	122,164 32
1904-05	94,159 95	160,115 56
1905-06	101,563 31	190,245 72
1906-07	123,281 92	205,287 03
1907-08	147,909 62	270,433 60
1908-09	167,818 50	283,428 44
Total	$1,037,010 02	$1,719,847 35
Grand total		2,756,857 37
Amount contributed to Loan Fund		33,991 88
Total value of goods sent through Supply Department		210,519 39

STATISTICS FROM 1886 TO 1909.

Number of Adult and Young People members	69,021
Number of Brigade members	17,319
Total number of members	86,340
Receipts for connectional work	$1,037,010 02
Receipts for local work	1,719,847 35
Total receipts	2,756,857 37
Number of parsonages built and aided	2,391
Money donated to parsonages	235,186 88
Value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above	210,519 39
Number of day schools supported	10
Number of night schools supported	3
Number of pupils enrolled	1,645
Number of missionaries and teachers employed	125
Number of City Mission Boards	24
Number of Rescue Homes and Doors of Hope	2

SOME FACTS FROM 1906-1909.

The Society gave $25,807.78 to parsonages last year, the largest sum ever granted in the same length of time. Sent 1,040 boxes of supplies valued at $35,025.74.

Mountain Schools.—Sue Bennett School, London, Ky. Enrolled 363 students. Thirteen teachers. Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C. Enrollment, 175. Nine teachers. Holston Industrial School, Greeneville, Tenn. Enrolled 90 students.

Cuban Schools.—The four schools for Cubans enrolled 614.

Korean and Japanese Schools.—Two night schools, one kindergarten. Enrolled 98 students. Five teachers employed.

Ann Browder Home and School, Dallas, Tex.—The Home accommodates forty inmates, and many are turned away annually. Six teachers are in charge.

Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.—For friendless girls, 74.

Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.—Industrial work begun at Paine for negro girls, with 150 girls in the classes.

City mission work carried on in 24 cities, 63 missionaries being employed.

COLLECTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES.

By cash	$127,093 97
By voucher	40,724 53
Total	$167,818 50
For local work	283,428 44
Grand total	$451,246 94

VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SOCIETY.

Schools for Cubans, at Tampa, Fla	$ 8,000
Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky	35,000
Rescue Home, at Dallas, Tex	15,000
Ruth Hargrove Institute, at Key West, Fla	12,300
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga	7,000
Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, Los Angeles, Cal	10,000
Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C	13,000
Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga	30,000
Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal	8,500
Grand total	$138,800

ANNUITY FUNDS. WHAT ARE THEY?

Money given by persons to the Woman's Home Mission Society on which the donors or those in whose names the gifts are made are to be paid a special rate of interest as long as they live, constitutes the *annuity funds* of the Society. When these persons die, the interest ceases. It cannot be transferred, but the money goes on through the missions of the Society, giving Christian education and training to the poor and illiterate, helping to rescue and redeem the sinful and outcast girls, to Christianize and civilize the Christless and heathen immigrants that are pouring into our country, and to do whatever else must be done to bring the people in our own land to a knowledge of Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour.

A person from thirty to forty years of age receives on an annuity gift three per cent interest; from forty to forty-five, four per cent; and from forty-five to sixty, six per cent, etc.

For Christian women who are dependent upon some kinsman, friend, or lawyer to attend to their business an annuity investment in the Woman's Home Mission Society will relieve them of a constant burden of anxiety and insure a semiannual income from a source that will not fail.

Many Christians long to give more than they do to help bring the unsaved to Christ, but their incomes are so small they have barely enough to live on, and as each pressing need is presented they turn away with a heavy heart, not seeing how they can possibly give even a little more than they do.

To these, and to many others who are the Lord's stewards, we would say: "Put your money, or some part of it, into the Woman's Home Mission Society on the annuity plan. You will then receive in semi-annual payments a fixed rate of interest on your gift during your lifetime; and, far better than that, you will have the joy of knowing and seeing how God is not only letting you labor with him in the redemption of the world while you live, but how he has made a way by which your gift will continue to lift up and save fallen men and women after you have gone to be with him in the house of many mansions."

CONTRIBUTORS ON ANNUITY PLAN.

Mrs. M. J. Branner, Waynesville, N. C.....$ 500
(Educational.)

Miss Sallie J. Brown, Nashville, Tenn..... 100
(Educational.)

Miss Mary Werlein, New Orleans, La.....$1,000
(Werlein Loan Fund.)
Mrs. Ruth E. Hargrove..... 1,000
(Barker Loan Fund.)
*Mrs. Belle Linn, Louisville, Ky..... 200
(Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.)
†Mrs. Lucy E. Stith, Elizabethtown, Ky..... 100
(Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.)
Mrs. M. Watkins, New York..... 300
(Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.)
Miss Martha J. Watkins, New York..... 400
(Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.)
Miss Sallie S. Fulton, Saltville, Va..... 1,000
(Creed Fulton Loan Fund.)
Miss E. S. Stinson, Camden, Ark..... 100
(Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.)
Mrs. M. E. W. Aycock, Waverly, Ala..... 3,500
($300 Preachers' Wives' and $3,200 Educational and City Mission.)
Bishop R. K. Hargrove..... 2,000
(Hargrove Loan Fund.)
Mrs. Nancy Bevan 2,500
(Her gift directed to Ann Browder Home and School, $1,500; Ruth Hargrove Seminary, $1,000.)
Mrs. Mary A. Morton..... 500
(Gift directed to Vashti Home and School.)
Miss Harriet Musselman 1,000
(Gift directed to Vashti Home and School.)

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*Declines annuity. †Deceased.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY OF THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

MABEL K. HOWELL.

The year 1908-09 has been a full one for faculty and students in the Training School. April and May were spent in the class room finishing up the class work for the year, holding final examinations, and getting out final reports. The change of all the workers at our training center, the Institutional Church, left the work there completely unmanned, and so for the two weeks following the close of the Training School I was compelled to throw myself into the breach and to save the work until a new force could be secured for the summer months. I then attended the Southwest Missouri Conference meeting for 1908, helping in every way opportunity afforded. The next seven weeks were given entirely to the preparation of the city mission "Manual" desired by the Board. The month of August was taken for rest.

Since September the time has been spent again in the schoolroom. Four courses in Sociology and one in Church History have been conducted throughout the year. The practice work of all the Home Mission students was planned and supervised for the year, monthly report meetings being also held. The scope of the practice work has been broader than in any previous year, and the fourteen outgoing Home Mission seniors are better prepared than any preceding class for their life work.

In addition to the above, assistance has been given at the St. Louis and Kansas City District Meetings of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and three Annual Conferences for 1909 attended—the Missouri Conference, the Southwest Missouri Conference, and the St. Louis Conference. A course of ten sociology lectures was given in Kansas City for the benefit of women of all denominations, and a course of twenty Bible talks for the benefit of working young women. These were held at the Institutional Church.

During the year a more definite course of instruction for the Home Mission students has been worked out, and every effort has been made to reach the goal set as far as it was possible with the present equipment and teaching force. The goal is as follows:

1. That every Home Mission student should by sociological courses be made familiar with the fundamental principles of the science of society and also with the tried principles of scientific philanthropy.

2. That every Home Mission student should receive practical training in *all* lines of city mission work that would in all probability fall to her to conduct herself or to direct, such as sewing school, clubs, night school, visiting, vesper services, industrial classes, etc.

3. That every Home Mission student have the opportunity to equip herself in some *special* line also, the line depending entirely upon her special adaptability for the work, such lines to be: (1) domestic science (cooking, sewing, millinery); (2) physical training; (3) manual arts. Nurse-training and kindergarten are not added, because both require a daily two-year course in a special institution.

4. That Italian lessons be made available for the few who can take advantage of them.

The first two ends have practically been made possible through the efforts of the past years to prepare proper sociological courses and to make possible an adequate training center. The third is a new field, toward which special effort has been directed this year. The Training School is not equipped to carry on this third line of work as it should be carried on. A splendid sewing course has been given at the school, the services of a well-equipped teacher from the Manual Training High School having been secured for the work. The students have depended upon the Institutional Church for their cooking course, the Church furnishing the instructor and the material free of charge for two years. Practically nothing adequate as yet has been done along the line of physical training and manual arts. However, an addition will be built to the Church this year, especially for manual arts, and a gymnasium is already there. It is possible that in all this line the very best plan would be coöperation on the part of the school with the Church in supporting teachers who could serve both institutions, inasmuch as neither alone would demand full time. There should be an effort made to secure money to make these departments possible. They meet such a real need, as our city work is developing in these days.

The study of Italian can also be made possible in either of two ways. In the first place, an Italian-speaking woman worker will be added to the resident force at the Church this next year, whose services could be secured; and in the second place, my own summer months will be devoted to the study of Italian in New York City.

The Training School students have had the advantage of splendid sociological lectures this year. They have heard Blackman, Devine, Henderson, Hart, Spargo, and others. Miss Bennett, Mrs. MacDonell, and Dr. Reid brought great inspiration to the Home Mission students by their visits. The sociological library has been increased through a gift of $100 from a Texas friend. A great spiritual uplift came to the Home Mission students by the privilege of being enlisted as personal workers in the great Gipsy Smith meetings, where from ten thousand to fourteen thousand daily gathered to hear the gospel message, and where hundreds surrendered their lives to Christ. In all the work of the year God has been with us, and to him alone belongs the praise for whatever has been accomplished.

DEPARTMENT OF TITHING.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

I record with gratitude the growing interest and the awakening of the consciences of our members in their relation to God as his stewards. We believe that, while in this department it is hard for us to show on paper the results of our labor, the faithful seed-sowing that has been done in past years is beginning to yield a harvest of good for our Father's kingdom.

From the accompanying table it will be noted that South Georgia leads with the largest number of tithers. North Georgia and Montana make the best record in the number of Auxiliaries reporting. In these two Conferences only has every Auxiliary reported. In many of the others only a small number of the Societies make any effort in this department. The report has come to me from more than one Conference Second Vice President that there are Auxiliaries that do not so much as elect a Second Vice President. We trust that no Society hereafter will feel that the organization is complete without an efficient Second Vice President.

CONFERENCE.	Auxiliaries.	Auxiliaries Reporting.	Auxiliaries Not Reporting.	Total No. Tithers.
South Georgia	149	94	55	1,335
Northwest Texas	249	50	199	1,050
North Georgia	129	129	.....	897
Texas	158	66	92	801
Holston	118	25	93	571
North Alabama	58	52	6	481
Little Rock	77	70	7	385
Southwest Missouri	87	43	44	349
Florida	110	26	84	328
Memphis	90	32	58	277
North Texas	121	33	88	265
North Mississippi	129	31	98	265
West Texas	107	26	81	254
Louisiana	61	7	54	229
Louisville	.....	.....	.....	225
Missouri	67	36	31	223
St. Louis	75	30	45	202
Western North Carolina	56	29	25	202
Alabama	49	22	27	200
Mississippi	88	22	66	200
Baltimore	71	24	47	193
Tennessee	83	27	56	168
Los Angeles	22	11	11	161
Pacific	53	46	7	160
Virginia	40	24	16	154
Arkansas	39	14	25	103
South Carolina	66	22	44	94
New Mexico	25	21	4	86
Oklahoma	100	5	95	80
Western Virginia	47	22	25	73
North Carolina	45	12	33	62
White River	33	.....	.....	55
Denver	9	3	6	22
Kentucky	80	2	78	13
Montana	7	7	.....	18
Columbia	14	2	12	2
Total	2,712	1,065	1,614	10,193

PRESS WORK.

(From December, 1908, to June, 1909.)

MRS. CHARLES PHELPS, SUPERINTENDENT.

As only twenty-five of the thirty-eight Conferences which have reported having Press Superintendents have sent reports, this must be a very incomplete statement of the work which has been done during the past six months in this department.

I am glad to express my appreciation of the kindness shown me by the Conference Superintendents, most of whom replied to my first letter, and many of whom have written many times and coöperated heartily with me. The reports, while not what we should like to have

them in some instances, in the main are very encouraging. The fact that over two thousand letters have been written by the Superintendents proves that a deep interest is being taken in this work. Several have written that their reports were the best by far that they had ever made. Much stress is being laid on the circulating library for district or Conference.

To Mrs. R. B. Galloway, of Alabama, belongs the honor of being the first to have every district in her Conference supplied with a set of Home Mission books, which are to be circulated among the Auxiliaries until all have been read, when the districts will exchange. Holston lacks but two of doing as well, and several others are making progress toward this end.

I am indebted to Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, for some fine posters, and to Mrs. John Bates for sketches and designs for charts, posters, etc. It is my hope to have a collection of such helps and to put them at the disposal of District Secretaries and others who are to hold meetings.

Thanks are due Mrs. R. O. Benton, of Raleigh, N. C., for her kindness in sending me the *Raleigh Advocate*. She feels that each Conference should send the General Press Superintendent a subscription to its Church paper, that she may see just what is being done in the Home Mission columns. This is a very practical suggestion. I wish also to thank those who have sent copies of their Conference *Bulletins*, monthly letters, clippings, and suggestive letters which have aided me in helping others.

Six thousand *Bulletins* have been printed each month, and in most cases all of the issue has been sent out. It is gratifying to find that my effort to make the *Bulletin* helpful to Auxiliaries by attention to the monthly topic is appreciated.

In March I was notified that in order to comply with the law a newspaper heading must be used, which seems absurdly pretentious for the little *Bulletin*, and that proof must be furnished that we were entitled to second-class rates. The matter is still pending, though three efforts have been made to untie the knots of red tape with which the second-class rate is protected.

During the six months I have written 393 letters and 150 postal cards. Except the first round of letters these have all been personal, pen-written communications, and I feel that this has been a profitable part of my work; the Conference Superintendents also are finding that more can be done to arouse interest through the personal letter than in most other ways.

When every Auxiliary has a Press Superintendent who can report that the Auxiliary owns and reads the books of the Reading Course, furnishes items to the Church and local paper, and makes use of posters, charts, etc., then there will be a mighty increase in members and funds for our Home Mission Soicety.

Doubtless errors will be discovered in the tabulated report. Some Superintendents have used the old blanks, and I have gathered statistics from letters with which to fill the spaces left vacant. The same patient courtesy which has pardoned blunders heretofore will, I hope, be extended to any which may have been made.

STATEMENT OF PRESS WORK.

CONFERENCE.	Auxiliaries.	No. Using Bulletins.	No. Using Local Press.	No. Using R. C.	Letters and Cards Sent Out	Clippings.	Circulating M. Library.	Church Paper W. H. M. Column.	Remarks from Conference Press Superintendents.
Alabama	58	58	.....	3	673	Yes	10	Yes	Press Superintendent sends out a Conference bulletin with the general one.
Arkansas	41	38	10	3	25	Yes	No	Yes	Also sends out Conference bulletins.
Baltimore	77	60	10	3	25	Yes	N	Yes	Is urging Auxiliaries to appoint Press Superintendents.
Columbia	13	13	3	3	47	Yes	Yes	Yes	Is especially urging the Reading Course.
Florida	114	34	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	Thinks bulletins would not be missed in this Conference.
Holston	123	76	20	223	105	Yes	8	Yes	Has a quiz on bulletin in the monthly meetings which is helpful.
Kentucky	83	19	5	6	109	...	.....	Yes	Is grieved because Auxiliaries will not report.
Los Angeles	20	19	12	.....	35	No	No	Yes	Has been recently appointed, and is still unfamiliar with the work.
Little Rock	75	50	15	28	375	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sends out Conference bulletin; finds it very helpful
Louisiana	67	35	13	8	175	Yes	.....	Yes	Finds "follow-up letters" and other ad. methods pay.
Memphis	91	.....	.....	.....	25	Yes	.....	Yes	Recently elected Press Superintendent is using local press vigorously.
Mississippi	74	.....	.....	.....	18	Yes	.....	Yes	Has been hindered in work by serious illness.
Missouri	63	60	12	12	360	Yes	.....	Yes	Get discouraged sometimes because Auxiliaries do not report.
Northwest Texas	225	225	49	.....	213	.....	No	.....	Sends out Conference bulletin and instructions to Auxiliaries; keeps in touch with Auxiliaries.
North Mississippi	160	140	12	25	.....	.....	Yes	Yes	Conference flourishing in all departments; uses Conference bulletin, which is helpful.
New Mexico	27	27	3	.....	27	.....	.....	Yes	Newly elected Press Superintendent.
North Texas	135	81	23	7	.....	.....	.....	Yes	Sends out Conference bulletin. Work is increasing in numbers and interest rapidly.
Pacific	54	54	.....	4	80	Yes	No	Yes	Newly appointed Press Superintendent
South Georgia	158	104	11	3	158	Yes	No	Yes	Has learned to do all she can, and no longer worries when reports do not come.
Southwest Missouri	88	52	9	80	143	Yes	No	Yes	Makes fine posters, etc., which are very helpful; also stresses Reading Course.
St Louis	69	69	.....	.....	.....	Yes	2	Yes	Urges the use of local press.
Texas	158	20	.....	6	Yes	.....	.....	Yes	Says much more work is being done than reports show; makes fine posters, etc.
Virginia	48	33	4	56	48	Yes	No	Yes	Sees so many possibilities in the Press Department, but is too busy to grasp them
White River	35	35	2	2	.....	.....	.....	Yes	Newly appointed Press Superintendent.
Western Virginia	39	36	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	Yes	Furnishes Church paper items weekly.
Total	985	768	236	472	2,246	.....	20	.....	

REPORT OF EDITOR OF LEAFLETS.

MISS ESTELLE HASKIN, EDITOR.

Your Editor of Leaflets has met with other members of the Press Department and aided in planning the monthly topics. A leaflet has been prepared on both the adult and juvenile topics for the four quarters of the year 1908-09. The following subjects have been treated in the leaflets: "City Mission Work without a Trained Leader," "The Missionary Education of Our Children," "The Conduct of Boys' Work," "Our Young People," "Some Things We Are Doing to Reach Our Cities," "Church Methods in Our Rural Districts," "The Best Literature on Home Missions," "The Work of the Deaconess and City Missionary," "Summary of the Annual Report," "Tithing," and "The Young Woman at Work." Assistance in the writing of the leaflets has been given by the following persons: Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. J. E. McCulloch, Miss M. L. Gibson, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. L. H. Potts, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Miss Mabel Head, and Mrs. Georgia Duncan Browder. Twenty thousand of each of the adult and five thousand of the juvenile leaflets have been issued, and in addition the reprint of a number of stock leaflets. Numbers of letters have been written in the interest of the work, and because of necessity a number of leaflets have been written by the Editor herself.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES.

MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH, SUPERINTENDNT.

We have reason to be thankful to God for the great increase in this department this year. It would be even better if our women were more careful in making reports in time and through the proper channel. Many hearts have been made glad, many parsonage homes made more comfortable from our donations. The Conference orphanages, mission schools, and the various institutions belonging to our work have been aided also. It is with pleasure that we mention the many donations sent so promptly to the relief of the fire sufferers in Florida. But with all of this to gladden our hearts, we are sad when we know that there are preachers who have applied to us and have not been supplied. You ask why? For often it has been said that more Auxiliaries ask to send boxes than you can send blanks to. That is true. But it is the same trouble we have had for years—the delay in sending in the applications. Great pains were taken in the early fall by many of our Conference Superintendents or Conference Secretaries to secure the names of preachers needing help. Letters were sent each presiding elder urging a prompt and careful report of such cases. Many of them were kind and prompt, and in almost each case where they were so their preachers were looked after. Others did not reply at all, and still others waited until January or February to send names. Of course in cases of emergency a Society would send a box almost any time; but most of them prefer to send early. Usually they have a yearbook, plan their work for the year, and set aside a certain time and certain sum of money for the different lines of work. They all expect and desire to send their box of supplies in the fall, or at least by Christmas. If they apply to me, and I keep them waiting so long, because I cannot secure the blanks, they get tired and use the money and goods collected for some other purpose. They also go on and take up other work assigned for that season of the year. Hence, when late in the winter the blanks are sent to them, they are returned to me giving the above reasons. Let me show the other side of the question, and I trust the Auxiliaries may be more patient this fall. Many of our Conferences

are held late in the fall, and some in early winter. The preachers all hope to pull through without asking aid; but sometimes they are moved to a harder, poorer place, and the expense of moving and other unexpected troubles come up, and they are forced at that late hour to ask for help. So let me exhort the Auxiliaries to be patient and realize that their pledge for a box given at the Annual Meeting or to their Conference Superintendents is an obligation; and if they fail to comply with it, some poor preacher and his family may suffer.

We have sent 1,047 donations this year. The North Texas Conference sent the largest number, having sent 138; but the Texas Conference was close behind, having sent 135. The North Georgia Conference was first in point of valuation of donations, having sent 86 valued at $4,364.13; North Texas was second, having sent 138, valued at $3,891.52. In some of the Conferences donations were sent for the first time.

REPORT OF SUPPLIES BY CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE.	Donations Sent Preachers.	Donations Sent H. M. Schools, City Miss'n Boards, and Rescue Homes.	Donations Sent Conference Orphanages.	Miscellaneous, such as Storm and Fire Sufferers, etc.	Total Number Donations Sent.	Value of Donations.
Alabama	4	.....	.....	2	6	$ 603 98
Baltimore	10	1	.....	.....	11	523 94
East Columbia	5	.....	.....	.....	5	23 00
Florida	4	1	7	42	54	1,876 00
Holston	1	.....	24	.....	25	1,601 35
Kentucky	10	2	5	.....	17	557 50
Little Rock	11	1	.....	.....	12	888 63
Los Angeles	8	8	.....	5	21	341 25
Louisiana	1	5	4	.....	10	346 25
Louisville	17	.....	2	.....	19	1,118 25
Memphis	2	6	.....	.....	8	181 68
Mississippi	.....	.....	27	3	30	755 00
Missouri	.....	1	.....	.....	1	11 20
North Alabama	17	.....	13	9	39	1,928 92
North Carolina	9	1	53	1	64	1,211 75
North Georgia	18	31	32	5	86	4,364 13
North Mississippi	3	1	49	1	54	2,524 80
North Texas	15	80	32	11	138	3,891 52
Northwest Texas	2	51	21	2	76	2,177 40
Oklahoma	2	.....	.....	.....	2	76 80
Pacific	.....	6	.....	.....	6	65 00
South Georgia	21	48	47	4	120	3,367 46
Southwest Missouri	.....	2	.....	.....	2	83 60
St. Louis	9	1	.....	.....	10	851 85
Tennessee	4	1	.....	1	6	360 75
Texas	15	76	23	21	135	2,774 23
Virginia	9	.....	30	8	47	1,237 50
West Texas	2	34	7	.....	43	938 95
Western North Carolina	2	6	.....	.....	8	248 05
Western Virginia	3	.....	.....	.....	3	95 00
Total	204	367	377	119	1,047	$35.025 74

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS.

CUBAN WORK.

Wolff Mission, Ybor City.—Miss Josephine Baker, Principal.

Established 1892

This has been an eventful year with the Wolff Mission School. Much distress because of lack of work on the part of the Cuban community has kept some students from the school. In January also the Principal had to retire from the work because of failing health. But the faculty rallied to the best interests of the school, and the final record shows the work not materially injured by these two afflictions. During the year 129 children were enrolled, all of whom attended the Sunday school and children's clubs. The sewing school has been a drawing factor, and the other club features have added interest to the work. In May the campus was enlarged by the gift of the "Lizzie Blalock Playground." This was made possible by a generous donation from a Louisiana woman, which the Tampa City Mission Board augmented sufficiently to make the purchase.

The cost of maintenance was $3,820, which included $800 for the Lizzie Blalock Playground. The income from fees was $319.25. Eight grades are taught by four teachers. There were conversions among the children, which we take as the seal of God's acceptance of our work.

Wolff Mission Night School.

More than 50 students were enrolled in the night school, and perhaps the best work done among the Cubans was accomplished at these evening classes. Quite a number were helped into higher ideals, and again God's seal of acceptance was given in the conversion of many.

West Tampa.—Miss Emelina Valdes, Principal.

The past year has been a very trying one to me. The illness of my mother deprived me of the pleasure of teaching with her, as I had been accustomed for the last twenty-two years. Her grief at the thought of giving up the work that was so dear to her has no limits. I secured a fine teacher, Miss Maria L. Monet, as assistant. This lady was in every respect accomplished. But in the midst of my trials she was taken very ill and had to go to Cuba. In February my mother had a bad fall, which not only has laid her up, but it will be the cause of her death. It may seem strange that I mingle this matter with the school, but all has had a great deal to do with the work, and directly with me, because the changes always interfere with the order of an institution. It has been the greatest suffering of my life to see my dear mother suffer so intensely for more than five long months. At times when my heart was about to break at the thought of leaving her alone she would say: "Go on, my dear; duty demands it. My Saviour is near, and my kind friends will take care of me until you return from school."

I succeeded in getting Mrs. Dolores Oseguera, my former pupil in the school. Mrs. Oseguera assists with the class work four hours each day, and also has entire charge of the sewing department.

We have had enrolled 125 pupils during the year. Three teachers have

taught from the primer to the fifth grade. We received $134.25 as tuition fees at the rate of 25 cents a month per scholar. Although we have had 125 pupils during the year, they have not been permanent, as the parents of these children are constantly changing their residence from West Tampa to Ybor City and back again. These two places are three and one-half miles apart. We have expended $54.05 for maintenance beyond the money sent from the Board. We need the prayers of every Christian. We know the women of the Woman's Home Mission Society pray for us.

RUTH HARGROVE SEMINARY, KEY WEST, FLA.—PROF. A. W. MOHN, PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1900.

I hereby submit the annual report of the Ruth Hargrove Seminary for the school year of 1908-09.

The year has been a prosperous one in spite of many adverse conditions. The financial depression is still seriously felt, and many have been out of work for long periods of time. Our lack of room and our poor equipment have also militated against us. Nevertheless we have enrolled 316, and have received in fees $2,015.59, of which amount $1,839.78 was remitted to the General Treasurer. The balance, $175.81, was expended in incidentals. Our kindergarten department has grown rapidly, and has enrolled over 100 per cent more than the previous year. It has been more than self-supporting. The other departments are growing steadily.

Religiously, good work has been done. The Bible is taught daily, and special services were held during the year. Fifteen students were converted, and a number of others have taken higher ground. The Cuban Sunday school continues in a flourishing condition, and now enrolls about 125. It meets each Sunday afternoon in the school chapel, and through its work about 20 members have been added to the Cuban Methodist Episcopal Church.

The faculty numbers twelve, a principal and eleven assistants, two of whom are teaching on commission. All have given good service, and in addition to the class-room work have made over 1,500 school calls.

Three city lots adjoining us on the front have been purchased, and at the earliest possible moment a modern school building, to accommodate at least 500 and containing a chapel, should be erected thereon. We are badly in need of more room. A night school should be opened for factory workers, both boys and girls, and a business department should be added. Both can be made self-supporting. We also need an industrial building, where sewing, cooking, carpentry, etc., can be taught. This would make us better able to compete with neighboring schools, and the enterprise would mean no extra expense, as it, too, can be made self-supporting.

The Cuban schools are represented by:

	Teachers.	Students.
Wolff Mission School, Tampa	5	129
Wolff Mission Night School, Tampa	.	50
West Tampa	3	125
Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West	10	310
Total, four schools	18	614

MOUNTAIN WORK.—Miss Belle H. Bennett, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1896.

SUE BENNETT MEMORIAL SCHOOL, LONDON, KY.—PROF. J. C. LEWIS, PRINCIPAL.

I take pleasure in submitting the thirteenth annual report of the Sue Bennett Memorial School.

Our enrollment for the year was 363, of which 196 were boys and 167 girls. It is a matter for congratulation, I think, that we have succeeded in keeping up our enrollment in the face of the largely increased competition of the city graded school, the State Normal School, and three large, well-equipped, and well-endowed private schools within easy reach of this place.

The year has been characterized by harmonious and efficient work in all departments, by an unusually successful normal department, and by solid, religious work throughout the year. We were fortunate in receiving the gratuitous services of two well-equipped women in our Bible work and mission study classes.

After Christmas we found our dormitory accommodations altogether inadequate, and were compelled to rent some cottages. At least fifty students were compelled to find rooms on the outside, a fact I deeply regretted, for our most efficient work is done outside the class room. Every member of the faculty lives on the school grounds, and mingles freely with the students resident on the campus in their out-of-school life. I regard this social contact as the most important educational influence which the school exerts. The atmosphere of the school grounds is conducive to healthy growth, especially moral growth, and the pity is that so many are denied this advantage because of limited dormitory facilities.

Our broom plant has enabled a number of boys to attend school who otherwise could not have attended. I regret that the shop was run at a loss, caused, I believe, by the excessive cost of superintendence in proportion to output, and by being compelled to buy our supplies piecemeal for want of capital. As the industry develops both of these leakages will, of course, be stopped.

The school farm continues to run, but at a loss. We have not yet succeeded in realizing our hopes from this source.

The income from fees was $5,500, of which $5,100 was cash and the balance in contra accounts.

BREVARD INSTITUTE, BREVARD, N. C.—PROF. C. H. TROWBRIDGE, PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1903.

The Board now owns at Brevard about thirteen acres of land, with a school building and girls' dormitory combined, two six-room cottages, and two barns. The school building contains a dining room, kitchen, laundry, ironing room, storerooms, practice rooms, library, office, seven schoolrooms, sewing room, toilet room, and about thirty-five bedrooms. It is lighted by electricity, heated by steam, supplied with hot and cold water, and connected to a satisfactory sewer system. Through the active interest and enterprise of friends in this and adjoining Conferences, led by Mrs. F. E. Ross, of Greensboro, N. C., all these rooms are well equipped, or will be before another school session opens.

School work is divided into five departments: academic, normal, music, commercial, sewing and millinery. Practically all the work about the house and place is done by students. This includes prepara-

tion and serving of meals, washing dishes, sweeping, washing, and ironing clothes, caring for stock, tending the little crop, caring for the furnace, etc. Almost all of this is done as part of the regular duty work of the pupils, and does not ordinarily help to reduce expenses for any one, but extra pay is usually given for scrubbing, washing windows, setting type, and running the job press, doing extra farm work, office work, etc. In all the industrial as well as all the school exercises a strong effort is made to teach carefulness and accuracy.

A six years' Bible course is maintained. Each pupil spends one year on each of the following studies: (1) Life of Christ, (2) Life of Paul, (3) Old Testament History, (4) Major and Minor Prophets, (5) Home Missions, including a study of Immigration, City Missions, Education, Liquor Problem, Negro Problem, etc.; (6) Foreign Missions. A very attractive Y. W. C. A. has had a large influence on the religious life of the girls, working energetically in all departments, especially in devotional meetings. Practically every girl has been a member, and all have taken some part in the meetings. As far as could be seen, every girl in the Home has been converted during the year, and this has borne fruit in clean Christian living to a remarkable degree. There is still room for improvement in both teachers and pupils, but the religious atmosphere is vastly better than a year ago.

The opening of the Brevard public school last September cut down materially the attendance of day pupils, and therefore the income from tuition, the decrease in tuition receipts being about $900; the almost total rearrangement of the faculty in 1908 caused loss of efficiency in many places; measles disturbed both work and plans; but in the main the year's work has been decidedly better than that of the previous session. The three weakest places of last year have been much strengthened, the pupils are fairly punctual, and the literary societies are a help instead of a nuisance. Evident improvement is also apparent in the Christian living of the students, the efficiency of the religious work done, the hold of the teachers upon the pupils, the general cheerfulness of the situation, the requirements for graduation, and in various industrial and academic departments.

The material gains of the year include a new steam-heating plant, some six acres of land and a cottage for boys, paint inside and outside the school building, improved sewerage, a new cooking range, new dining room, kitchen, bedroom, and sewing room supplies, a complete card catalogue of the library, with new books and bookcases, and improvements in the athletic field.

The Churches of the Conference have shown their confidence in the Institute by a Brevard School Day Collection of about $700, and the town by donations of various kinds and by some very helpful ordinances.

Conditions seem ripe to introduce coeducation on a larger scale than heretofore, an agriculutral department, a course for music teachers, a redivision of responsibilities among the teachers, and some further steps in the moral training of the students.

Holston Industrial School.—Mrs. E. E. Wiley, Agent.

Number of children in school	84
Number of children sent out this year	18
Total number of children for year	102

Receipts for current expenses, 1908-09	$2,800 06
Balance March, 1908	2,400 16
Total	$5,200 22
Disbursements	5,149 71
Balance	$ 50 51

The Mountain Schools are represented by:

	Teachers.	Students
Sue Bennett School	13	363
Brevard Institute	9	175
Holston Industrial School	.	84
Total	22	622

PACIFIC COAST WORK.—C. F. Reid, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1897.

As I write the report of 1908-09 there comes to me the thought of how much it has meant to me. During a year of much anxiety and heaviness of heart, it has been a companion, a comforter, and a tonic that has strengthened me to press onward.

The year has been marked by several changes in the personnel of our workers. Our highly esteemed colleague, Miss Moizelle Elliott, has retired from the hospital department of the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, and several of our best helpers about the Bay of San Francisco have returned to their own country to fill larger spheres of usefulness. The places thus made vacant have been filled by others, but we sadly miss the old hands whom we learned to love as we planned and labored together.

THE HOMER TOBERMAN DEACONESS HOME.

It is always a pleasure to visit this home of happy, earnest workers. Of course I missed Miss Moizelle Elliott, but another is in her place who seems equally capable and in other respects fitted to fill her place. Miss Maria Elliott and Miss Mann were there, and busy as usual with their work inside and their visiting outside of the Home. In looking up some results of this institution, I find that during the four and a half years the hospital department has been open three hundred and sixty-one patients have been treated, many of whom were inmates of the Home for quite long periods. Service and not money has always been the leading idea in this department. However, when the patients have been able to pay for the care given them, they have been expected to do so. The income derived in this way has amounted to $8,154.04, a sum which has been sufficient to defray all the expense of this department and materially assist in meeting the expenses of the other departments of the Home.

One bed is always kept for suffering ones who are unable to pay anything. Other beds can be occupied for the exceedingly low sum of seven dollars per week; others for ten dollars per week, and even a private room, when the condition or preference of the patient requires, can be had for twelve and a half dollars per week. While it is generally understood that these rates prevail, as a matter of fact no one is denied admittance for financial reasons, and every patient has all the attention and service the case requires.

The fact that there have been more than forty conversions in the Home is a high tribute to the character and lives of our workers, and indicates that while attending to the sick bodies of those who come to them they have not forgotten those higher forms of ministry by which the sin-sick soul is led to the fount of healing.

During the past year homes have been found for several children who otherwise would have been left to the tender mercies of the world.

The helpless sick and the helpless young seemed to be the first objects of our dear Lord's thought, and they oftenest felt the touch of his saving hand. Our workers in Los Angeles are walking in his steps. The only specially organized form of practical daily ministry we have on the Pacific Coast, the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, should have the warmest sympathy and hearty support of all our people.

THE ALAMEDA JAPANESE MISSION.

The Mary Helm Hall is becoming the center of quite a variety of work. I am sorry to say that in the early part of the year a disagreement arose in the mission that resulted in the loss of several of our members. A change of pastors restored the equilibrium, and I am glad to report that I have never known a better and more harmonious spirit in the mission than that which now prevails.

Many of the night schcol pupils have gone to the country for the summer, but the congregations at the preaching services are keeping up remarkably well. Last Sunday, at a Children's Day service, there were present twenty-four little children, and the parents and friends quite filled the rooms we now use for a chapel.

In my estimates for the coming year it will be noted that I am asking for an appropriation for enlarging our chapel facilities. May I not urge that this be given special consideration? Since we began work among the Japanese children, the parents and friends of the children are coming to the Mission in increasing numbers, and we frequently find the rooms we are now using uncomfortably crowded. The indications are that this will more and more be the case, and the prosperity of our work in Alameda really demands early attention to this matter. If it is possible to grant the appropriation this year, I am sure it will be a good use of the money.

Out of the little Sunday school gathered by Mrs. Miano has grown quite an interesting work among the children of Alameda, which, in its turn, is attracting to us the mothers of the children.

Mrs. Miano was formerly a teacher in the Middle Schools of Japan. She came to America several years ago to marry her betrothed husband, Mr. Miano, who had become a member of our Mission. She landed here, a very beautiful girl, but unacquainted with Christ. However, she soon became interested in Christianity, and was soundly converted in our mission. Like all true converts, she at once felt the desire to do something, and on her own motion and without asking or expecting any remuneration began seeking Japanese children and bringing them to the mission on Sunday. She finally had about a dozen coming regularly. When opportunity came for securing a good kindergarten teacher, a day kindergarten was opened. The older of these children are advanced into a primary department; and in the two departments we now have about thirty children. We unfortunately lost our kindergarten teacher, and have not been very successful with this part of the school of late; but since Mr. Manabe returned to Japan he has secured another for us, who will begin her work in September. This Japanese lady has been well trained in one of our Christian schools in Kobe, and

we are expecting a large increase in this part of our work when she arrives.

It was a great loss to our mission when Mr. Manabe received an urgent call to a professorship in the Kwansei Gakuin, our Methodist college at Kobe. He had completed his studies at the Stanford University, and was giving his entire time to our work in Alameda. A devout Christian, a perfect gentleman, and a finished scholar, he had the respect and affection of the Japanese community, and was able to exert a commanding influence.

Another loss we sustained was in the going home of Mr. B. Yada. Mr. Yada was the first convert made in our mission. It was a remarkable case. The night he was baptized he led in a prayer so strong and so tender that the congregation was greatly moved. It is a rare thing to see a Japanese shed tears, but many rose from their knees at the conclusion of Mr. Yada's prayer with streaming eyes, and the scene that followed as he went among his companions and personally pleaded with them to accept Christ was one I had not witnessed before among Japanese. He has ever since been looking to the ministry, but felt that his meager education in Japanese would always be a hindrance to him. So he has been saving money with which to return to his own country and acquire a better education from a Japanese standpoint. A recent letter informs me that he has entered our school at Kobe, where he is now hard at work. While we keenly realize the loss to our Mission of such men as Manabe, Yada, Murata, and Muraoka, yet we feel that in preparing and inspiring them for a larger work among their own people we are accomplishing the highest purpose for which our missions were founded.

In my estimates for the coming year, I am asking an appropriation for the support of two deaconesses. I am asking for two because it seems to me that one working alone would be at a great disadvantage. There is so fixed a prejudice among Americans on this Coast against Orientals that even with two I fear they would not find it advisable to live in the mission with Japanese. However, that would be a question to determine after they had studied the situation.

I do not think it would be safe to appropriate less than $600 each for their maintenance. Living is expensive about the Bay of San Francisco; and should they board, they would have to pay $30 per month for very ordinary accommodations. It seems to me that two such workers might greatly enlarge the sphere of our influence, and that eventually the entire work might be committed into their hands. It would be well that one of them should be able to play and conduct singing and that the other should have some knowledge of kindergarten methods. Should this proposal be accepted by the Board, there would be a saving of $45 per month to partly offset the appropriation, for they could do the work now being done by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Standefer and a lady teacher we hope to have for the night school in Oakland.

THE OAKLAND JAPANESE MISSION.

This is our smallest mission, and in some respects the most interesting of all, because it is composed of an exceptionally fine class of young men, mostly students. Mr. Konzaki, the leader, is a senior in the University of California. He originally came to America to fit himself for commercial pursuits, but last year he received a profound spiritual impression that has turned his thoughts entirely to the ministry. He is an earnest student of the Bible, and is leading his companions and those who attend the mission to follow his example. Besides the regular

preaching services, they meet twice each week for the systematic study of the Bible. As the members and attendants are nearly all students, I preach to them in English, and look forward to my appointments with distinct pleasure.

The young men have expressed a strong desire to reopen the night school at this mission. They say they will work for it, and are certain we can have a successful school. I am asking an appropriation for this purpose, and very much hope it will be granted.

THE KOREAN MISSION, SAN FRANCISCO.

The Korean Mission, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Mission Society, is the only work that is being done for Korean men about the Bay of San Francisco. Like all other work among Orientals in California, the numbers in attendance depend very much upon the seasons and the conditions of employment. At the present time there are fewer in the home than usual, as most of the young men have gone to the country for the summer. There is, however, an excellent attendance upon the Sunday services. I preached for them two weeks ago, and the chapel was well filled. Several of our older members have returned to Korea, and others have moved to distant parts of the country. As a rule, we keep in touch with these men, and it gladdens us to find that they do not forget the mission or shake off the impressions they received while with us. One of our boys, who returned to Korea and who is an active worker there, recently sent us ten subscriptions for the *Korean Evangel.*

Another of our young men, Mr. Lee Chung Nai, is now the managing editor of the *Great Eastern*, a semiweekly newspaper published in the Korean language at Vladivostok, Siberia. Finding a few Christians among the large number of Koreans at Vladivostok, he began preaching to them regularly, and has now gathered about him a congregation of about two hundred. These he has organized into a society. They have purchased a house, which they have converted into a chapel, and the nucleus of a good mission has thus been established. Mr. Lee is only a layman, but he is giving all the time he can spare from his editorial duties to this work. Many of the new converts have not been baptized; and as there is no other Protestant work being conducted in Vladivostok, I shall write to Dr. Hardie, who lives at Wonsan, and ask him to visit Mr. Lee and help him with his work. Vladivostok is easily accessible from Wonsan, and I don't see why Mr. Lee's congregation cannot be taken in as a regular part of our mission work.

Mr. Whang, who was formerly in charge of our mission in Sacramento, went to Mexico after we closed work in that city. There are a large number of Koreans employed on the Mexican hemp plantations, and Mr. Whang, like Mr. Lee, finding conditions favorable for mission work, at once availed himself of the opportunity, and is now preaching regularly to about one hundred and fifty. They are taking quite a number of copies of the *Korean Evangel.* Thus, you see, the influence of our work does not stop at San Francisco, but is being projected into countries so widely separated as Mexico and Siberia.

After service the last time I preached at the mission, a young man came forward and greeted me in a very enthusiastic manner. I did not at first recognize him. "Why," said he, "don't you know me? You baptized me in Korea eleven years ago." "Well," I asked, "do you still love Christ?" "Yes," he replied, "and I am serving ham as best I can." He is the son of one of our first converts in Korea, who, after years of service as a faithful colporteur, has now gone to his reward. You cannot

tell how glad it made me to know that we have an asylum here for this young man and others like him.

In San Francisco there are quite a number of Koreans who have permanent employment, and it is upon them we rely for our regular attendants; but besides these, there are numbers who come and go as they find work here and there. Korean laborers are usually employed in companies which have a foreman who speaks English and who is the interpreter and business manager of the company.

Last summer, when one of these companies of twenty went in a body to the salmon fisheries in Alaska, it nearly broke up our night school; and when another similar party went out this spring to work in another part of the State, so few were left in the school that we thought best to close it for a time. These men mostly come back to us; but it will readily be seen how such a condition breaks into continuity of work.

This has been one of our chief problems from the opening of the mission. In trying to deal with it, we first tried branch missions, and at one time had a flourishing one at Visalia and one at Sacramento; but we found that the branch missions were more subject to the conditions we were trying to overcome than the mission at San Francisco. At Visalia, for example, we had a prosperous mission one week, and the next week there were no Koreans in the neighborhood.

We then tried visiting the various camps where they were located but found this expensive and unsatisfactory.

We then decided to publish a periodical that could be mailed to our members wherever they might be, and which we hoped would also find a place of usefulness in the great work being done by our missionaries in Korea. This last thought acquired importance from the fact that our missionaries have been so busy in organizing and trying to instruct the rapidly increasing number of converts in Korea that they have not to any considerable extent been able to give their attention to the forming of a Christian literature. In fact, there is not at this time a single Christian periodical in the Korean language circulated in Korea, except the one issued from our mission.

This made us somewhat more ambitious in planning for the *Korean Evangel* than we otherwise would have been. The first number was issued in December, 1908, just two years after the founding of the mission. Of course it was hard and expensive work to start such a periodical, but we now feel that we are fairly launched. The subscription price is $1.50 per annum, and we now have four hundred regular subscribers. Up to the present the magazine has about half paid its way, and when we have one thousand subscriptions it will be entirely self-supporting. As there are substantial gains to our list each month, we feel sure that the required number will be reached in another year. So many expressions of approval have come to us from the missionaries and Koreans on the field that we are constrained to believe that the publication has a real place in the missionary propaganda, and we are hoping it will have increasing value as its circulation widens.

This year we have had our first visit from the officers of the Woman's Home Mission Society since I have been in charge of the work. In April Miss Bennett and Mrs. MacDonell came to us, and spent the better part of three days in a careful study of the missions. They were received with every mark of appreciation by our workers and members. Receptions were tendered at Alameda and San Francisco. Their hearty words of encouragement and instruction inspired us with a warmer zeal and to larger effort. The Japanese and Koreans will never forget the occasion, and we all feel nearer the great heart of the Church since they came among us.

Praying that the abundant blessing of our Heavenly Father may strengthen the hands of the Board, and that you may be divinely guided and given courage as you plan for the work of another year, the above is respectfully submitted.

ORIENTAL SCHOOLS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1909.

Mary Helm Hall Night School (Japanese).—Enrollment during year, 62; number of teachers employed, 2. All the grammar school grades are taught.

Mary Helm Hall Day School (Japanese).—Enrollment during year, 27; number of teachers employed, 3. Primary and kindergarten grades are taught.

Korean Night School.—Enrollment during year, 9; teacher employed, 1. Grammar school grades are taught. There have been eight baptisms during the year.

Present Church Membership.—Alameda Japanese Mission: Members, 22; probaticners, 7. Oakland Japanese Mission: Members, 6. San Francisco, Korean Mission: Members, 51; probationers, 6. Total number of members and probationers, 92.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1909.

Receipts.

From Mrs. Kirkland, Treasurer	$5,884 00	
From the Korean Mission	127 75	
From the Alameda Japanese Mission	119 00	
From the Oakland Japanese Mission	300 00	
Donation for organ	30 00	
Donations for the *Korean Evangel*	158 10	$6,618 85

Disbursements.

Deficit from previous year	$ 16 57	
Salary and travel of Superintendent	1,350 00	
Deaconess work	1,080 00	
Alameda Japanese Mission:		
Pastors Oikawa and Yanagiwara	470 00	
Travel of Pastor Yanagiwara to United States	60 00	
Mrs. Edna Standefer, teacher in night school	180 00	
Japanese teachers in night school	195 00	
Secretary of Alameda Mission	85 00	
Mrs. E. G. Smith, teacher in kindergarten	15 00	
Organ for kindergarten	30 00	
Repairing sewer, making sign, sundry expenses	44 35	
Taxes (first installment)	65 08	
Oakland Japanese Mission:		
Rent of house for twelve months	660 00	
Secretary of Oakland Mission	150 00	
Korean Mission, San Francisco:		
Rent of house	727 50	
Salary and travel of J. S. Ryang	588 00	
Korean housekeeper	190 00	
Mrs. E. S. Adams, teacher of night school	135 00	
Korean books	20 93	
Picture of Korean Mission	2 00	
Sacramento Korean Mission	162 00	
The Korean Evangel	297 10	
Telephone	21 00	
Exchange on drafts	1 45	
Account book	25	
Balance forward to next year	73 12	6,618 85

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

VASHTI INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR FRIENDLESS GIRLS, THOMASVILLE, GA.—PROF. E. E. BISHOP IN CHARGE.

Established 1903.

The students enrolled during the past year have been 68 boarders and 6 day pupils, making 74 in all.

We have four assistants employed, two in the grades and two industrial teachers. One of the latter has charge of the kitchen, dining room, and laundry, and teaches domestic science. The other acts as matron and teaches sample sewing and dressmaking.

Our course of study embraces the first eight grades, but our girls are found chiefly in the third to the seventh.

Our stenography class of six has done but fairly well, as they were not as well prepared to take up a business course as they should have been.

Our religious exercises consist chiefly of Bible study, chapel, prayer services, and a Y. W. C. A. (all in the school), and Church and Sunday school down town. Nearly all of our girls profess religion, and I think about twelve have professed conversion during the year.

Our faculty has done good, conscientious work during the past year, and our girls have improved very much in all respects.

The story told by the following entries on our records reveals the need of the existence of the Vashti Industrial School and of the work of redemption going on within its walls:

Alabama Girl.—Mother dead; father drunkard, depending for support and liquor on labor of two daughters in cotton mill; father sent to prison; older girl goes adrift; younger girl sent to almshouse, and afterwards to Vashti Home.

Texas Girl.—Father and mother separated; the former an invalid; attractive daughter in danger; interested friends send her to Vashti.

Arkansas Girl.—Widow on deathbed gives her only daughter to workingwoman who cannot give her the necessary attention; with the assistance of friends she is sent to Vashti Home.

Tennessee Girl.—Father absconds; mother must work all day for support of children; must live in slums of large city because she cannot afford better quarters; oldest girl in danger; is sent to Vashti Home.

Georgia Girl.—English parents; father dead; mother in asylum; bright daughter, unprotected and unwanted; she becomes an excellent student in our school.

Florida.—Attractive Spanish maid; mother dead; father gone back to Spain, leaving girl with another family; plot is laid for girl's ruin; she is hastened away to Vashti Home.

South Carolina.—Mother died, but infant lived; the young grandmother, a widow, rears infant; marries; gives the little girl to childless couple, who tire of responsibility and send the child to Vashti Home.

North Carolina.—Mother immoral; court takes little girl, and she is finally sent to Vashti Home.

Missouri.—Little Jewess; stubborn child and cruel stepmother, who by her beatings injured the poor child.

Mississippi.—Father deceased Confederate soldier; daughters go to poorhouse; but friends give them a chance for an education at Vashti.

Of the fourscore girls that have become Vashti students, each has already borne a burden of sorrow; and while we cannot erase the marks of early neglect, we can, with proper support, save many a life from degradation by fitting it for a life of usefulness.

The $13,700 received from the Board during the past fiscal year was spent as follows:

Running expenses for fifty girls	$ 6,000
Amount paid on additional property bought	1,800
On furniture and in setting up and buying pipe for furnace	1,800
Bills carried over from last year	1,300
Moving and rebuilding two cottages and a barn	1,000
Plumbers, carpenters, and material and well work	700
Miscellaneous buildings and materials and labor	700
Farm work, fencing, stock, etc	400
Total	$13,700

The $2,340 received from other sources was spent as follows: $1,000 was borrowed from the bank in order to save about $60 in discounts on a car of furniture. The balance was in bank to settle the note in full on March 31, but the note was not due until April 6, when the balance was paid in full. The $1,000 was borrowed on November 6, and $500 was paid back within a month, $100 February 6, $100 March 6, and the balance ($300), April 6; $1,340 was received chiefly from fees from the fifteen girls that have entered the Home, in addition to the fifty supported by your Board, and was spent in their support.

The Vashti property is practically out of debt as far as bills and notes are concerned. True, there are notes amounting to $1,500, bearing 7 per cent interest; but these are offset by other notes, receivable, for the same amount bearing interest at 8 per cent.

All old bills have been settled, and this year the principal was able to pay himself his salary in full. On last year there is still a balance due him, which he has not yet accurately calculated for lack of time.

The farm has furnished us supplies to the value of seventy dollars per month during the past year. This year I am cultivating a larger area at less expense and with much better prospects than last season. New potatoes, new beans, and other vegetables are already a part of our bill of fare. Our cows also yield us a considerable supply of milk and butter, and our hens have not neglected their duty either.

ANN BROWDER HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR UNFORTUNATE GIRLS, DALLAS, TEX.—MISS S. L. LYONS, PRINCIPAL.

Established 1893.

The records for the year 1908-09 show:

Girls on the roll	51
Girls entered during the year	32
Girls left during the year	28
Girls cared for during the year	83
Number of babies in the Home at the present time	17
Babies born	24
Babies adopted	23

Financial Report.

Received from General Board	$2,580 00
Received from industries	966 10
Received from board of girls and cash donations	2,323 25
Total from all sources	$5,869 35
Total amount expended during the year	6,406 91
Deficit	$ 537 56

Received in June from the General Board a special appropriation of $100 for the purchase of baby beds.

	Money Received.	Money Expended.
First quarter	$1,609 05	$1,510 12
Second quarter	1,447 80	1,690 74
Third quarter	1,546 60	1,719 65
Fourth quarter	1,265 90	1,486 40
Total	$5,869 35	$6,406 91

Received from bakery	$609 45
Cost of bakery	533 45
Received from sewing room	237 55
Expended on sewing room	38 60
Received from laundry	119 10
Expended on laundry	207 45

Report of Hospital.

Visits from Dr. Gordon	98
Visits from Dr. Swain	73
Visits to doctor	12
Sick girls other than confinement cases	17
Girls recovered	17
Minor operations	2
Babies born	24
Babies adopted	23
Babies in the Home at the present time	17
Babies sheltered during the year	42
Babies sick during the year	15
Babies died*	2

The nurse, whose time has expired during the year, is now filling a responsible position in another maternity hospital.

The following sum was expended in the hospital for much-needed improvements: From the General Board, $100; other donations, $57.75. Total, $157.75.

The total expended by the Domestic Science Department for the year ending March 31, 1909, was $3,040.69. The average expenditure per meal for each adult was $0.04.

FOR NEGRO GIRLS.

PAINE ANNEX, PAINE COLLEGE, AUGUSTA, GA., INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.—MISS ELLEN YOUNG IN CHARGE.

Established 1902.

We come to the close of seven years of work at Paine College Annex with a heart full of thankfulness and gratitude to our God for his blessings and guidance.

We feel that the work started in 1902 by the good women of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was a godsend in every way, and an undertaking which will mean the betterment and uplift of many negro girls, who will go out and do splendid work for the cause of Christ and their race. We are praying that the Master, in his wise providence, will send us many friends, as

*Neither baby was born in the Home; both were brought in sick. We have not had a death among our own babies in seventeen months.

we are sadly in need of material for the Home, money to carry on the work, and a new building.

So far, the boarding department has not paid for itself this term. We have collected for board $830.50, and our bills have amounted to $1,248.25; hence we are $417.75 in debt. But I feel sure that we can make ends meet in the end, as all board has not been paid. The senior girls must pay up in full ere they can get their diplomas.

We had some money to our credit at the beginning of this year, which was used for repairs and the purchasing of a new range for the kitchen, which cost $135.

We are not as crowded this year as we were last; but we still have three girls in a bed in our building. There are thirty girls in the Home. They are anxious to learn, willing to do, and, on the whole, are a very satisfactory set of girls. There have been no changes in the plan of work. The girls care for the Home, do the home cooking, dish-washing, and care for their rooms and do their own laundry.

Our aim is to train the girls so that they can teach, keep a home, and make an honest living in domestic service if they must enter either field of work. Of the 46 graduates who have gone out within the past seven years, 8 have married, two are fitting themselves for teachers in other schools, and 35 are teaching and doing excellent work in the schoolroom and communities in which they are working. Only one has not done well. There is a great demand for competent teachers. Every month brings us letters asking for teachers. The demand is far greater than the supply. We are most anxious to send out good, strong, Christian girls, and so far the Lord has blessed our efforts.

Miss Harper, who was with us for three years, left us in June to take work in another school. Mrs. Cornish, who is a good, capable worker and a graduate of Hampton, came to be our cooking teacher, and Miss Mundy took Miss Harper's work in the dressmaking department.

A word from each department will give an idea as to just what we are doing along certain lines. Miss Jones gives the following report of her work:

"We started out this term with 102 girls in plain sewing, who are taught all of the different stitches used in plain sewing. Each girl is most anxious to finish her book of sample pieces so that she can make larger garments, such as aprons, shirt waists, underclothes, and fancy-work. This feature of the work is so helpful, as most of the girls have never learned to sew; hence they don't know the names of the stitches. They soon learn to patch, darn, and keep their clothes in good condition."

Miss Mundy renders the following report:

"In our dressmaking we are endeavoring to give the girls a course of training which will enable them to draught, cut, and fit simple garments. They make undergarments, which gives them some idea of sewing and finishing; then they make waists and plain wash dresses. Before the course is completed each girl makes a street suit. The girls in the graduating class make their dresses for graduation. We give simple art needlework, which will help them to beautify their homes. We are greatly hampered because of insufficient room and equipment."

Mrs. Cormack says:

"The work of the cooking department has been conducted along the same lines as former years. We have tried to encourage the girls to become proficient. The work requires the girls to be neat and tidy, to cook well, and to serve the meals in the best way possible, care for the kitchen, stoves, utensils, dining room, and the home in general. More efficient work could be done if we had better facilities.

REPORTS OF CITY MISSIONS.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—MISS JOSEPHINE GUFFIN, MISSIONARY.

In looking over the city mission work for the past year, we feel very thankful to the Master for the steady growth shown. In the section of our city where our work was confined to weekly cottage meetings and visiting, we now have a mission Sunday school, Junior Christian Endeavor meetings, weekly prayer meetings, and Sunday night services —all held in a small rented building, which is often crowded to its utmost capacity. The evangelistic meetings held resulted in fifteen professions. Our work in the mill district has been greatly blessed of God this year. At the Riverside Chapel, where your worker has been acting as pastor's assistant, we have had a wonderful revival. It began in one of our regular League meetings, led by the Salvation Army ensign, and continued until there were between two and three hundred professions. Some of these have since joined the Church, and some the Salvation Army. As a result of this work our services are better attended, and many of those who were converted are taking an active part in our weekly meetings, and there is now a brighter outlook for the Church than ever before.

Our mission Sunday school and woman's meetings, near the Asheville Tannery, have been the means of a steady spiritual growth, which has caused us all much rejoicing. When our work was begun, there were only about six professing Christians in the district; now nearly all have confessed Christ.

We are looking forward to the work in the jail with renewed interest this year, as we are to have a regular hour each week in which to hold our meetings. But in spite of the difficulties confronting us we have had some blessed meetings the past year.

The work among the young women, as teacher of the Philathea Class in my own Church, has been very encouraging. The organization has been perfected, and the attendance and interest greatly increased.

We have placed four children in the Children's Home this year, and two in the Pease Memorial. Perhaps no greater work has been done by our Board this year than the rescue of these children from an environment which could only lead to sin and shame.

The visiting in the homes of the people this year has brought us a greater knowledge of the world's sin and anguish than ever before. The stories told to your worker of homes wrecked and ruined because of sin, and of hearts breaking because of the burden, has caused our hearts to ache many times; but, thank God, some of the wrecked lives have been saved and homes brightened.

And so we praise our God that he has given us the privilege with Christ of "preaching the gospel to the poor and healing the brokenhearted."

For the statistics of our work, see the statement of work enterprised by City Mission Boards in the report of the General Secretary.

ATLANTA, GA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Dollie Crim, Head Resident; Miss Mary Dickinson, Kindergartner; Miss Lula Cason, District Nurse; Miss Florrie Crim, Day Nursery Matron; Mrs. Freddie Rowland, House Mother.

In our striving toward Christian ideals, as manifested in the life of Jesus, we find many obstacles to overcome. Jesus came from his home on high and dwelt among us, and day by day lived and taught the true physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual relationship of men to men and men to God.

The living and teaching in the Wesley House ever keeps before it this ideal, and the end of the year knows much joy because of results accomplished and some sorrow because of lives not quickened.

Better physical relationship, in the practical language of our community, is expressed in better sanitation, cleaner yards, and homes. The demonstration of a tidy home is ever an example. Not only cleaner but more beautiful homes is becoming the cry of the community. There were twenty-eight who entered the floral contest. Prizes were offered by one of the mill owners. There were splendid results.

Not only appreciation of cleanliness of home, but of person also, seems to be on the increase, judging from the fact that forty baths are taken regularly every week at the gymnasium, besides by groups at intervals.

The appalling illiteracy of cotton mill people is only too well known and rather too readily overlooked by society in general. In their hearts and in the heart of society the ambition to know must be aroused, and educational advantages must be used before cotton mill people will know the truth because of an opened understanding. The settlement stands for education in the broad sense of the word. While waiting for compulsory education and for industrial and manual training, the hearts of the people are being aroused, and children are being assisted in every possible way. In the kindergarten, where spiritual laws are at the base of education, the training of forty-two children has already begun. This year more than ever the work has been instructive.

Mothers are not only anxious for their children to know but also more anxious for them to be well and strong. Dr. Visanka, in the clinics for children under fourteen, has treated, assisted by the district nurse, 709 patients. The object of the district nurse is to instruct as well as to relieve. Some apt pupils have been found as the nurse goes in and out of the homes. One of the greatest things of this department has been the finding of terribly neglected cases, sometimes urgent cases, and seeing that proper steps were taken to relieve the sufferer. At the clinics over 150 children were vaccinated and tickets secured for school.

Of the 10,000 children in Georgia who every year pass beyond the school age totally illiterate and beyond future legislation on this subject, a vast proportion are in the cotton mills. For those in our community who work and want to know more, a night school is provided. Five teachers are furnished the settlement by the city. At one time it became almost necessary to turn away some who applied, because the attendance was so great. This year several will make a grade, and there is still a demand for ungraded class work for men. From the library 789 books have been taken, and sometimes a number have been read by three or four persons before being returned. Mary Ward Sanderson, of Colorado, has made the Mary Ward Sanderson Juvenile Library possible. She is making a beautiful gift of $2 per month.

There are six clubs in the settlement, with a membership of 116.

There are two gymnasium clubs, one drumming club, one chorus club, one small girls' club, and one Federated Woman's Club. These clubs have educational features. Members are not only learning to think and act properly as they come in touch with strong personalities, but also as they are coming in touch with new visions of life they are learning that there is a place for them in this world.

At the Wesley House there is a nucleus for the so greatly needed industrial school or work, which is the sewing school. Twenty-eight girls this year have finished the required year's work.

Thrift is taught by small savings in the Penny Provident Fund. Girls and boys have saved $31, which amount, if not saved, would have been spent for cold drinks and confectioneries.

There is a magical power in the spirit of doing or playing something together. The individual who comes under social law will the more readily recognize civil law, and the spirit of brotherhood finds ready soil in the heart of one quickened in courtesies. A pure social life in any community is society's safety valve and a means of training for true patriotism and Christianity. In view of these facts, we place great value on the social part of the clubs, the socials, and receptions as a true part of settlement work.

The object of all this work is to lead people to Christ. Every worker, whether volunteer or resident, is a Christian. The goal toward which all workers tend is to prepare the minds and hearts of those they touch so that they will open to moral and spiritual influences. All classes, clubs, entertainments, socials are a means to an end.

All cases of need in our community, after investigation, are given relief by coöperating with the city warden and Associated Charities. A Christian home, the day nursery, is provided for children whose mothers must be at work. Many little ones, if not receiving training here, would be on the street. There are the babies, the run-abouts, the kindergarten children, the nursery graduates or school children. At noon the mothers may come and have a warm dinner for ten cents, and be with her little ones.

On account of the near-by churches, to which we ever point those of the community, there are no services at the settlement except Sunday school on Sunday afternoon. Here there has been a marked respect for essentials of religion, for prayer. There have been some immediate results, but the greatest work has been the gradual, the natural result of a permeating influence of a Christian atmosphere and faithful religious teaching.

A large part of this work has been done by willing, courageous, enthusiastic workers, thirty-one of whom are volunteers, and give only a part of their time. Miss Ruby Richards, Miss Mamie Andrews, and five resident workers give all their time to the work.

AUGUSTA, GA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Annie L. Trawick, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Mary Madearis.

We are more convinced than ever, after this year's experiences, that the most efficient work can be accomplished when the workers live in the midst of the "other half."

Our kindergarten is one of our most successful features of work. Our hearts were full of gratitude and we were well pleased as we watched these little ones last week in their closing exercises, and then thought of the change that had been wrought in them since they came to us last fall.

Our sewing school has been well attended. A large per cent of the children in this department have done creditable work.

We have an excellent teacher for the cooking school, and through her able guidance the mill girls have learned to prepare many wholesome dishes.

There are thirty-five children in our primary department. We believe these little ones have developed mentally, physically, and spiritually under the guidance of one who loves them.

The pastors of the Methodist Churches of our city lead our weekly prayer meetings. We appreciate very much the coöperation of our pastors with us.

Our Sunday school is in a most flourishing condition, with an enrollment of one hundred and fifty. We have recently had a picnic for the children, and will give a boat ride later on.

The boys' club was organized in February. There are twelve loyal little fellows in this club.

Our night schools have not reached our expectations. We hope to do better work along that line next year.

We have a competent day nursery matron, who is striving to uplift the little ones intrusted to her.

We are thankful to God that he has so richly blessed and established his work among us.

BALTIMORE, MD.—MRS. H. C. PAINTER, PRESIDENT.

We have raised through our Home Mission Societies and other donations for city mission work more than $500 this year.

We support two kindergartens, numbering about one hundred children, and two mothers' meetings, of sixty mothers. We have employed for this work two graduate kindergarten teachers, and have also had assistance supplied through the kindness of Miss Silkman, the head of the training school here, she having considered our schools most satisfactory for training her young teachers. We have at present fifteen ladies on our Board, appointed from the various Woman's Home Mission Societies of our Churches. There is also a boys' club or brigade in connection with our work, but I am not prepared to state the exact number enrolled.

This work has not only been a blessing to these people, but has wonderfully built up our Churches in these vicinities.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Hettie K. Phillips, Deaconess, Head Resident.

With the Psalmist, I can truly say: "My lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places."

Several months before my arrival in the "Magic City" (September 18), to begin work under the Board of City Missions, members of the Board had successfully carried on a sewing school and mothers' meetings, visited in the district, and distributed clothing to needy families, thereby laying a foundation upon which I could at once begin to build. No worker was ever given a more cordial welcome, and the Church people have at all times been ready to assist me in the work and promote its development.

The first three weeks were spent in locating and furnishing our Wesley House, which is within the city limits of Birmingham, in the heart of a large population, principally street car families not reached by any Church except our Ninth Street Mission Church (Methodist). A thor-

ough canvass of the district was made, and the special needs of the people carefully studied. The confidence of my people has been won, and they regard me as their friend and neighbor.

Our sewing school has had an enrollment of 62 bright, interesting girls, from seven to fifteen years old, that being our age limit. This has proven a fascinating work, and we feel confident that the hour spent every Saturday afternoon with these girls will mean much to them in later years.

Our Home Makers' Club, which meets Wednesday afternoons, has been a source of helpfulness and pleasure to the mothers. This is my "at home" afternoon to the women of the neighborhood. They enjoy taking part in the programs on such subjects as the care of the sick, preparation of food, etc. They are ready to sew for a family, where perhaps the mother has been unable to clothe her children on account of illness.

A boys' club, under the name of the "Brotherhood of David," has been organized, and the prospects are very encouraging for successful work with the junior boys of from eight to thirteen years of age.

We have a good Sunday school, preaching services every Sunday, and midweek prayer meeting in our mission church, within a block of the Wesley House. I have charge of the beginners' and primary departments, and enjoy this feature of my work very much. I have also conducted a teacher-training class for the teachers and officers, giving them help on the preparation of the lesson, how to gain and hold attention, etc. At Christmas the teachers gave the Sunday school children a tree and entertainment, which was a decided success.

Our Wesley House library is very popular with the boys and girls, also the adults. While it is only a few weeks old, something over 150 volumes, carefully selected, have been placed; also a number of current magazines and periodicals are in the reading room.

Aside from my house-to-house visitation several afternoons each month are spent in visiting the different Home Mission Societies supporting the Wesley House work, telling them what has been accomplished and the possibilities of a greater work when we secure larger and better quarters and have another trained worker.

The fields are white unto harvest, and I thank my Heavenly Father that he has sent me to labor among a people so dear to my heart. If I had a thousand lives to give, they would all be spent in trying to help humanity. As I minister to his children my heart is filled with a sense of joy and peace the world could never give.

BRISTOL, VA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Stella Womack, Deaconess, Head Resident.

As I review the work of the past ten months I realize they have been the busiest months of my life; yet when I try to tell what has been done, it seems so little.

My first work after coming to Bristol was to make a systematic canvass of the entire furnace and mill district. As I did so I made a list of all the children between the ages of four and fifteen years. Finding that many of these children had not been and would not be in the city schools, we thought best to open a primary class for them at the Wesley House. Into this class we admitted both boys and girls who were under ten years of age, allowing them to come four mornings each week. During the year there were 40 enrolled in this department of the work, and many of them learned to read, write, and spell. Their chief joy in the primary class was the daily devotional exercise, which

included singing, Bible stories, and prayer, in which all joined heartily. When the weather was fine, we had some outdoor exercise each day; and when we could not get out we were just as happy playing the old-fashioned indoor games.

We also organized a Saturday afternoon sewing school, in which 70 children have been enrolled. This number includes the boys' basketry class, which met at the same time and necessarily in the same room. Nearly all the boys over ten years of age work at the mill, but on Saturday they have a half holiday, which makes it possible for them to enjoy some of the Wesley House pleasures. This was all we could do for them at first, but when I came to live in Wesley House we organized a night class, in which ten eager, studious boys were enrolled.

At this time we also invited the mothers to meet for a social hour each Friday afternoon. We found it very difficult to get them away from their homes, and were never able to organize them into a club; but we have seen good results from the little informal meetings. The only real work we succeeded in getting them to do was to assist with preparations for the various entertainments we had for their children about once each month.

Of these entertainments Halloween, Christmas, St. Valentine's Day, Easter, and Children's Day have been the red-letter occasions. At Christmas 93 children were made happy by receiving presents from a wonderful tree; and on St. Valentine's Day 60 children and twenty mothers received valentines.

We have had a splendid Sunday school all the year, having secured a superintendent and teachers from the various Churches in town.

The Thursday night prayer meeting and Sunday night preaching service, conducted by Rev. A. Bunn, city missionary, have been regular features of the work. We frequently get other ministers of the town to preach for us on Sunday night.

The year's work has been an unspeakable joy to me, although as I look back upon it I see many mistakes and seeming failures. These, however, only draw me closer to Him whose strength is made perfect in weakness.

COLUMBUS, GA.—MISS BIRDIE CATE, DEACONESS.

The work at Columbus, Ga., suffered the past year through the illness of the deaconess in charge. In October the City Board united with the pastor at Broad Street Church, and a coöperative home for young women was opened. Unfortunate circumstances handicapped this enterprise in the beginning, but twenty-two girls have enjoyed the ministry of the home, and good has been done. Friendly visiting in the mill district resulted in the removal of twenty women of dissolute character from the community. Eight volunteers helped the deaconess with the industrial school, where one hundred and twenty children are taught sewing and raffia. The night school also has helped fifteen boys and girls to higher ideals. God has not left us without seals to our ministry, in that souls have been converted this year in our Columbus work. The last three months of the year Miss Josie Leveritt had charge of the coöperative home, and by her system and ability helped it through a testing period.

DALLAS, TEX., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Ida Adreansen in Charge; Mrs. Ida Reeves, Evangelist.

Money to carry out long-cherished plans has come to the Dallas City Mission Board this year. The campaign and collection of funds occupied

many months before the Board was able to purchase a much-desired lot and place our little chapel thereupon in time to transfer it to the Conference with the request that a pastor be appointed. The sale of land belonging to the City Mission Board for the sum of $3,250 was effected, after which an addition was built to the chapel costing $1,000. This affords ample space for Sunday school and Church services, room for sewing school, clubs, Bible classes, clinic, social purposes, and reading room, offices for the workers, and a shower bath and playground for the children.

In the social work we have had many delightful activities this year, the list of events comprising suppers, candy-pullings, auto rides, Christmas trees, excursions, egg hunts, picnics, and car rides.

Along relief lines unusual efforts were made because of the distress from the floods in Dallas. We dispensed medicine, furniture, clothing, and money in endeavoring to alleviate the suffering among our people. Our clothing sale is held weekly, and the number of garments mounts up into the thousands, as Leagues and Auxiliaries remember the poor in our midst. Many needy people were directed to the United Charities, helped to employment, or given groceries when the case proved too urgent for investigation. During the holidays many were made glad because of the bountiful baskets sent to them by the Home Mission women.

In the medical work among the sick poor we believe lives were saved by the timely, efficient ministration of our clinic physicians. Many acute cases were sent to the hospital, others were treated in their homes, and still others at the Settlement and in the offices of the physicians.

The sewing school has been a valued feature of our educational work. We have had a goodly number of girls to teach, owing to the faithfulness and attractiveness of the teachers and the many incentives used in the course. The garment-making class exceeded our expectations in popularity and results.

Our kindergarten has stirred the mothers to keep the children clean and tidy. We often find the little tots busy with small brooms cleaning off sidewalks and porches, watering flowers they had planted, or playing games learned in the kindergarten.

The boys' club, now in its third year, has had a larger membership and attendance than formerly. Many valuable lessons have been given, and the personal influence of the leader has been great.

The religious side of our work has been stressed, the workers giving by far the greater part of their time and strength to evangelistic meetings. We have fed and clothed and nursed and educated our people, but realize that until they get right with God we have helped them but little. Consequently in weekly factory meeting, cottage meeting, street meeting, mothers' meeting, Bible class, and midweek prayer service the one thought of pastor and workers has been the ingathering of souls. And God has blessed us in the labor.

HOUSTON, TEX., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Mattie Wright, Deaconess in Charge; Miss Adeline Peeples, Deaconess, Parish Visitor; Miss Audrey Wade, House Mother; Miss Mildred Julian, Kindergartner.

A contrast of our commodious Wesley House of to-day with our cramped, illy-equipped quarters of a year ago is the best proof we can give of the phenomenal growth of our work. In a few months the nine-room house in which we opened the Coöperative Home became so crowded that it was necessary to move to a larger building. The Mont-

gomery Hotel was leased, and on September 1 was opened as the Houston Wesley House. The Coöperative Home occupies the second floor with a family of twenty working girls, four resident workers, and two servants. The hotel bar was converted into a room for the kindergarten, which has taken the place of the Mexican day school conducted by Miss Mitchell last year.

The kindergarten is under the direction of Miss Mildred Julian, assisted by Misses Mary Belle Howell and Pearl Guy. The average attendance for the year is twenty-five, half of this number being foreigners. At one time six nationalities were represented in the enrollment.

The sewing school on Saturday has not been as largely attended as it at first promised, owing to the lack of teachers to instruct the children who came.

The Mexican Sunday school has suffered from the withdrawal of Miss Mitchell, as no special visiting has been done among the Spanish-speaking people since she left. A Sunday school for Syrians, with an enrollment of thirty-five, has been organized, it being proved impracticable to unite the two nationalities in one service.

The Coöperative Home has grown beyond our expectations. Under the management of the matron, Miss Audrey Wade, who came to us last October from North Carolina, it is becoming an ideal boarding place for working girls. She is proving herself invaluable to us in her ability to manage the finances of the home, a quality so hard to find in even our best-trained workers. Both she and Miss Julian have given themselves to their work with as intelligent a purpose and as genuine a consecration as has any resident worker under appointment of the Board.

Miss Adeline Peeples, our last-consecrated deaconess, has been with us since November, and is giving invaluable service in the work with foreigners and in house-to-house visiting.

In no way, perhaps, has our growth been more marked than in the interest it has awakened in the Churches of Houston and throughout the Conference, an interest which we have every reason to believe will materialize before the close of another year into a permanent building for our work.

On account of sickness, my own work has amounted to almost nothing for the past eight months, but it has been a privilege to live in the Wesley House, to be associated with our girls and with the resident workers. Above all, I am grateful for having been permitted to serve the noble women composing the Houston City Mission Board. My association with them has been a constant source of inspiration to me.

KANSAS CITY, MO., INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.

Miss Ethel Jackson, Deaconess; Mrs. W. G. Catlin, Deaconess; Miss Lee Crittenden, Deaconess.

The playground has been opened during the summer months to the public, with a director.

The fresh air work began in June, through the kindness of Mr. Howard Vrooman, of the city, who owns a beautiful farm of more than three hundred acres in Kansas. He not only turns this farm over to us for the summer months, but also meets the grocery bills. There are large gardens, plenty of cows, chickens, and vegetables for all out there. The children are wild with delight, and while it was beautiful to have them go into private homes for their summer outing, as they have for the past two summers, this is ideal. It makes them for once appreciate God's green earth and love him who made so beautiful a world of nature.

We have been limited in our work during the past year by lack of

trained workers, as most of the time we have had only two; but in March Miss Crittenden came to relieve the strain, and has been a great help and blessing to our work, adding much happiness to our already happy family.

Many is the time we have been tired in the work, but never have we been tired of it, for it is our Master's. If there were no other than present joy in the service, we could say: "It is good; let me labor on."

In our coöperative work with the Juvenile Court we have touched hundreds of the neglected children of the city. Many good homes have been found for those who were worse than homeless. However, I believe our touch with many of these fathers and mothers has been productive of much good. The mothers' club, organized last October with five members, has grown to twenty-seven. The work in this has been most satisfactory, and a beautiful spirit of sociability and helpfulness has developed. The heart-to-heart confidence and the seeking of spiritual help proves that this is to be one of our strongest forces for good. Five have united with the Church.

The night school has been well attended, and good work has been done. Five nationalities have been enrolled, and a number of foreigners have come into the Church and Sunday school because of our touch in the night school.

The cooking school, under Miss Belle Stewart, has grown to be one of the most interesting and helpful of our departments. Sixty were in attendance during the past winter. There is a hope in our hearts that through these children we will get into their homes and there show them how to use whatever accommodations they have there.

The music department, under Miss L. V. Lull, has taken advanced steps during the winter and spring. In the early spring the chorus choir rendered the "Messiah," and from this beautiful service hundreds were turned away. The recital given by the advanced pupils, under Miss Brown, was proof that she has made her department a success.

Much of my time has been spent in the office receiving the many who come on various missions and in my visiting, going into the homes of the community.

The relief department has been a source of great blessing, saving from much suffering and enabling many to come to church and Sunday school who otherwise could not have come.

My work with the young men in the Sunday school has been a great joy to me. Only one as yet has come into the Church, but the signs are hopeful, and we believe the Lord will give them to us.

Some improvements have been made. A beautiful iron fence incloses our yard, making it more homelike and furnishing the long-coveted flower garden. A splendid $700 shelter house or pavilion now on our playground makes it ideal. This was the gift of Mr. William Volker to our children.

The weeks and months pass by very quickly when one is actively engaged in Christian work. This has been especially true this Conference year since I came to my appointment at the Institutional Church last September. The year has been crowned with His goodness, and the work in every department has had a general uplift.

Rev. Charles W. Moore, our general superintendent, has a high standard for the kind and class of work we do, and beautifully supports and encourages us to this end. He is now in Europe gathering larger views and plans by which we hope to do a larger service in this part of our needy city.

The department of worship, under our beloved pastor, Rev. J. C. Rawlings, has had splendid results. He has made much of our work

worth while by his interest and coöperation in every department of our work, winning many to God and the Church.

The children's department has been especially that under my supervision, for which I am glad. The day nursery has made possible a beautiful home life for twenty-five children each day, children who otherwise would have been left to the streets largely. Our only regret is that we cannot accommodate more that are just as needy. They love their day nursery home, and one little fellow has his cry on Sunday when he cannot come.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Hettie Stewart, Head Resident.

The Brookside Cotton Mill has between 1,800 and 2,000 employees. These, with their families, constitute a community with a population of about 3,000, which has very little if any elevating influences, either moral, intellectual, or religious, except our mission home and Church.

We rented a three-room cottage next to the church last October, and went to work. In six months' time we have our house very neatly and comfortably furnished, a library of about 75 good books, a very well supplied clinic, and a number of toys and games.

The young women are organized into a home makers' club, which meets every Saturday evening. We read books aloud, tell stories, play games, and make the evening just as bright and pleasant as we can, besides giving a lesson each week in something toward beautifying the home or making it more comfortable.

Our boys' club has been very successful. We have only boys between twelve and sixteen years of age. They are bright boys, and we have been trying to help them to improve mentally and physically as well as morally. The stories used this year have mostly been of the history of Tennessee and the heroes of their own State. We hope to begin with United States history soon, using large maps to locate persons and places, so that they will learn both the history and geography of their country. We also have physical culture exercises, games, drills, and songs. The boys are interested, and attend regularly.

On Saturday afternoon we have the children who work in the mills, both boys and girls, for one hour. They are told stories, taught songs and verses from the Bible, and the leader offers a short prayer. They sing sweetly, and enjoy their hour very much.

We have Miss Sue V. Herrick as kindergarten teacher, and use the church for kindergarten and club work. It is a nice, large, well-ventilated room, and the pretty pale-blue walls, with a few choice pictures, are very attractive. The kindergarten is very badly needed here and is equally appreciated by parents and children.

The Sunday school here is in a flourishing condition. We need more room and more and better teachers.

The library is a great blessing. Boys who were reading "Diamond Dick, Jr." and "Jesse James" are now reading the Henty books and other good books for boys.

There is a great field for work here, and we hope the future holds much good in store for us.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., HOMER TOBERMAN DEACONESS HOME.

Miss Maria Elliott, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Fannie Mann, Deaconess, Parish Visitor; Miss Moizelle Elliott, Nurse.

As I come to make out my fifth annual report for the Home, I cannot but feel deeply grateful for the joy that the service here has brought

me. There have been difficulties and trials, of course, and some hard problems to solve; but without those we could not "count it all joy," nor could we have been able to give out into other lives that "patience" and "experience" and "hope" that we have been permitted to attain through these "divers testings."

The hospital department has had another prosperous year. Under the skillful management and self-sacrificing care of Miss Moizelle Elliott it has grown through all these years from a very insignificant beginning to where it now occupies a place second to none in the city for efficiency and genuine worth. It is well equipped, and enjoys a good patronage among the best physicians, who have come to recognize the superiority of the skilled Christian nurse over the non-Christian one. But to accomplish this has meant days of weary labor and nights of lonely vigils and that constant giving of self which wears and breaks down the strongest frame in time. And so it is no wonder that we are forced to give Miss Elliott up as Superintendent of the hospital. We shall miss her sorely, but we cannot begrudge her the well-earned rest that she is to take. We have been very fortunate in securing as her successor Miss Bessie Pierson, another Scarritt daughter, and we feel sure that she will keep the hospital up to its present standard of efficiency. A free bed has been added during the year by our good friends, Major and Mrs. Toberman. It has been in constant use from the first, and I wish space would permit me to tell of the good it has already done.

Miss Frances Mann came to us in August, and her duties since coming have been many and various. She served for some time in the hospital as "probationer" when we were short of nurses and full of patients, has assisted in the housekeeping department, in the sewing school, boys' club, and Junior League, has been constantly at work in the Sunday school, and now is pastor's assistant at Trinity Church, and has given acceptable service everywhere.

Our statistical report is as follows: Visits made, 538; visits received, 1,048; visits to institutions, 17; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 25; meetings conducted or addressed, 102; persons given aid, 36; garments given, 155; money received for distribution, $36.25; money loaned and given, $20.25; hours spent in special service, 265; hours spent in study, 158; children placed in homes, 2; papers and tracts distributed, 413; Bibles given, 10; books loaned and given, 10; papers and letters written in the interest of the work, 78; Churches served, 5.

LOUISVILLE, KY., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Roberta Baker, Miss Nannie Cunningham, Mrs. Carrie Bond.

The year 1908-09 has been a red-letter one in our history. Within this time over $3,000 has been raised on the building fund, $1,500 of this amount coming as a gift from Mrs. George Goulbert. On October 19 the City Mission Board observed a day of fasting and prayer, asking God to send them aid in lifting the debt on the Wesley House, and a few days afterwards Mrs. Goulbert's gift came to us, seeming, as indeed it was, the answer to our prayer. We thank Him, and we thank the dear giver. And thus unhampered, we have been able to put the work upon a surer and broader basis.

In the clinic and in the homes the physicians and our nurse, Mrs. Bond, have treated over 3,000 patients, and have in every way been a blessing to those to whom they have ministered.

Our mothers' club, with 75 enrolled, is a real charity organization. Through their weekly dues of five cents they keep the clinic supplied

with medicines, and they give liberally out of their poverty. They do much friendly visiting among themselves; and though in most cases very ignorant, they are eager Bible students.

Our young women enjoy very much their embroidery club. While they work under Miss Cunningham's direction I read aloud from some helpful book. In our study of the life of Christ I am sure they have come to know him better as their friend.

The cooking class, of which Miss Baker has charge, is one of our most practical and popular departments, and the little girls have done excellent work.

The growth of the sewing school has been phenomenal, and Miss Cunningham is much perplexed because of the overcrowding. Every available bit of space has been pressed into service, and still we need more room.

In the library 275 people have been enrolled, and the circulation of a month this year surpasses that of a quarter heretofore.

The boys' club, composed of lads between the ages of eight and thirteen, is, as last year, called the "Grenfell Club," in honor of Dr. Grenfell, of Labrador, in whose work the boys are greatly interested.

In our evangelistic services many souls have been saved or reclaimed, and in our visiting we have been able to lead others closer to Christ.

Miss Baker and Miss Cunningham have greatly enjoyed their Sunday school and Epworth League work at Marcus Lindsey Church, as I have my many missionary tours throughout the State. How white is the field to the harvest!

Macon, Ga., Door of Hope.—Mrs. F. M. Knowles in Charge.

We have had 49 girls in our Door of Hope from March, 1908, to March, 1909, and claim 23 as saved. At present there are 8 in the Home, and I rejoice to say there is perfect peace within our walls. Each girl is willing to do her best; they are kind to each other. We have five children in the Home, for whom we are caring. We are grateful for perfect health, and that God has blessed us in soul and body.

God is blessing the work in every way. We are pledging all the girls who come to us to remain for two years, in order that they may be taught some industry or line of work by which they can support themselves when they go out. This also gives them a longer period in which to establish their Christian character and acquire experience.

We greatly need a deaconess or other trained worker, and trust that one may soon be appointed by the Board.

A message like this from one of our girls encourages us by the way as we work for these our sisters. The letter says:

"I think so often how the Home was such a 'Door of Hope' to me. You remember I was barely seventeen years old when I went there, and before I went some people had tried to get me to leave home and enter a life of sin; but even though I had committed such an awful sin, still I felt that maybe there was a little hope for me, and when I heard of the 'Door of Hope,' and that I could go there, I knew that God had not forsaken his poor, wandering child. It was in the Home that I learned to love those whom I had hated and to pray for those who had spitefully used me. It was there that I first learned to lean wholly upon Jesus, and I have kept it up and have found that he will never forsake so long as we do his will. God has been so good to me since I left the Home. He has given me back my health, and I have work to do, and he gave me such a good place for dear little Helen. And while it all comes from God, I feel that you, Dr. Adams, and the ladies who give their time, money, and prayers to the Home are largely the cause of it.

"I like teaching all right. At times it is hard, especially to a beginner; but all of my pupils seem to love me and are obedient.

"Little Helen is well; I hear from her once a week. It is just six weeks until I can see her, and I am anxious for the time to come.

"I was at home last Saturday. The people see that I am standing for God, and already the best people in our little town are so nice to me and invite me into their homes.

"I must end my letter; but remember that I love the Home, you, the girls, and the dear little babies, and daily pray God's blessing upon you all."

MERIDIAN, MISS.—MRS. CLARA COPE, MISSIONARY.

We can exclaim with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul," for what progress we have made in our field of labor during this our second year. We give God all the glory, praise his holy name.

Our field is the whole of Meridian, embracing the five Methodist Churches. Of course there are long distances that could not be reached by street cars, so unless you could traverse the field you have no idea of the walks we enjoyed. Yes; those were times when we could be alone, enjoy nature, and commune with our Heavenly Father.

About two months ago we came in possession of a horse and buggy. "Billy" (my pony) and I were so glad of the privilege and pleasure of showing Miss Mabel Head over our field. Her visit to our city proved such a blessing. She gave our women a vision of our work, and showed them their duty toward the work, that has proven quite an uplift. May God abundantly bless her as she goes from place to place!

On account of the cotton mill closing down for the greater part of the year, our work in that section has not grown as rapidly as it would have done otherwise.

Our sewing class has met regularly. We use the graded system. Recently Miss Hopper tendered her service to teach cooking. The girls are all interested in that class.

Mrs. John Whittaker has kept up the cottage prayer meetings for five years. They have been productive of much good. The five Sunday schools and the Meridian Woman's College contributed right royally, and gave the mill children a Christmas tree.

Our Syrian settlement of South Side has increased from sixty to one hundred and sixty, making it all the more imperative for organized work, which is now delayed because we have no building. We hold an open-air meeting for them every Sunday afternoon. We missed only once during the winter on account of the weather being too cold. They are pleading for a school for their children and a night session for the men and women.

In visiting different parts of the city we found a small community in what is known as "Fewell's Survey," hemmed in by a perfect network of tracks and moving trains, and so denied religious privileges. We organized a Sunday school for the children. Our school is held in a room of one of the cottages. The children seem so eager for it.

At the last meeting of the Board it was decided to condense the work, deeming it advisable to confine the city missionary to the cotton mill district and the Syrian settlement instead of scattering over the entire city. With restrictions removed and a condensed field, we are sure of better results for another year, even should we have to labor on without the desired help of a deaconess. Our statistics are as follows:

Salaried worker employed by the Board	1
Volunteer workers employed by the Board	17
Industrial School	1
Children enrolled	2
Free reading room (Elizabeth Cochran)	1
Mothers' club	1
Women enrolled	9
Supplies and money received for distribution	$696 66
Number of visits made	919
Opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading	233
Meetings conducted or addressed	48
Visits received	8
Garments given	120
Papers and leaflets distributed	125
Current expenses for the year	$413 35

Mobile, Ala., Wesley House.

Mrs. Almeda Hewitt, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Janette Haskin. Kindergartner; Miss Lillie Hartwell.

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do and loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle, face it, 'tis God's gift."

Fully realizing and adopting the spirit of the above lines, we entered our field of labor for the Master in old historic Mobile.

Miss Lillie Hartwell immediately began house-to-house visiting. The deaconess in charge put the house in order, and began the planning of the weekly schedule, and presented it to the City Mission Board.

The work was formally opened with proper ceremonies. Miss Janette Haskin opened the kindergaten the first Monday in October, with a good attendance and interest. The club work was reorganized, with new life and energy. A young ladies' club was added, which has been a blessing to the young women of the community.

The results from the Sunday school, the sewing school, and the night school are very gratifying.

An employment bureau has been introduced in the work. It has been a great medium through which we have reached all classes. It has been very helpful to all.

A strong effort was made to open a free clinic and secure a district nurse; but we did not succeed this year owing to the peculiar conditions.

The day nursery has not been full, but we have been able to help a few struggling mothers.

The social side of our work has been phenomenal. A neighborhood parlor was added, which meant much to the young life of the community.

As a religious institution, the spirit of Christ has dominated the entire work. It has been hard to take the Bible and offer prayer in the homes, because the community is largely Catholic. We have tried to be wise in holding up our Protestant faith by taking a high standard of Christian living.

This has been a gracious year. God has led us all the way. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits? Bless his holy name!

Nashville, Tenn., Wesley House.

Hattye G. Sellars, Deaconess; Miss Annie Campbell, Kindergartner.

Being appointed to the Wesley House in Nashville, I opened up work August 15, 1908.

While there has been much sickness and distress of one kind and another, the work on the whole has been good for the entire year. The interest holds up well, the attendance in most of the clubs is very good, and the behavior has been excellent. During the revival at our little church in midwinter we had a number of conversions among our people. The young men especially were touched, and are trying to withdraw from their evil environment.

The work with the young men this year has been full of pleasure. Meeting with them three times a week in Sunday school, reading rooms, and club, I came to know them quite well. On Monday evening of each week the little church where we hold our clubs is thrown open to the young men of the community. Here they read books and magazines and play games as they like, thereby having a healthful social time together and a bit of good literature they would not otherwise get at all.

We are aided in some of our work by the students from the Training School, and two young men from this school have the club in charge. It is well organized, with officers, constitution, etc., and holds regularly its business and devotional sessions. Gymnastics and boxing have proven the winning features with the young men.

The industrial department is one of the most telling factors of our work in the community. In this department we have a sewing school, with an enrollment of 143. These children take the course from the simple basting stitches through hemming, patching, making doll clothes, bed and table sets, baby's outfit, and finally a full suit for themselves. This course is thorough and full enough to cause the children to attain some little skill in cutting and sewing, so that they become a great help in their families and are enabled also to secure positions as seamstresses.

Too much cannot be said of the cooking and kitchen garden classes in this department. They are taught the values of foods, how to prepare them, the planning of meals, cleanliness, neatness and order in the kitchen and dining room, and how to serve correctly. It seems strange to say, but our people, although many are in extreme poverty, feel themselves above some work in the home. Here we teach them that they dignify labor by being systematic, thorough, and cleanly. They are taught the best way in which to perform every kind of work that is found in the home. They are also taught games and songs.

The free kindergarten, which was directed by Miss Annie Campbell during this year, has an enrollment above fifty. It has made its way into the hearts of the people. May we not hope that indeed here "a little child shall lead them?"

On Thursday of each week we have the meeting of our Mothers' Union. Although some of our mothers are illiterate and can neither read nor write, they are organized with their president (who usually is a Training School girl or Wesley House resident), vice president, secretary, and treasurer, also with motto and colors. No dues are required, but offerings are made. There are active sick, membership, social, industrial, and program committees, which render splendid service. Fifty-two mothers are enrolled in the Union. They sew about two hours each month, and each week have their business and devotional session. Often lectures on helpful subjects are given by people of different professions. The monthly social is a very pleasant feature of the work which always aims at joy in forgetting self and home cares for the time.

The small boys' club, young women's club, and the children's hour for children between seven and thirteen years of age have done very

good work too. Also the rummage sale, by which we support our sewing school, is quite interesting.

Altogether we have about 400 people enrolled in our different clubs and classes, besides those we touch in our friendly visiting, all of whom are receiving instructions in the better life. Truly it is a rich field, but how much we need more workers here!

NEW ORLEANS, LA., TCHOUPITOULAS MISSION.—MRS. L. MEEKIN, MISSIONARY.

NOTE.—The New Orleans City Mission Board carries the Tchoupitoulas Mission in addition to the support of a deaconess and furnishing a band of volunteers at St. Mark's Hall on Esplanade Street. The report of the work done at St. Mark's Hall appears under the department of Gulf Coast Work.

Perhaps it may be said that there is no more varied line of work required in the manifold opportunities which come daily to ministers than exists in this factory section in which our mission is situated, and one must go on doing the sowing morn, noon, and night, "not knowing whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether all shall alike be good." This thought ever comes: Do the best to-day; the opportunity may be gone on the morrow. A large part of our work must be done in the homes, and much ministry to physical and temporal, thus so often gaining access to the heart and making reception for the gospel story. Conditions which ever exist in factory settlements abound here. Poor wages, the rigid economy needed, the small amount of food, the poor food, the crowded conditions of the homes—all tend to bring discouragement and urge us to daily efforts. How often, too, we realize that "down in these hearts, crushed by the tempter, feelings lie buried which grace can restore!" And by the "loving word" "wakened by kindness" much can be done.

We have indeed been grateful for the help we have through the Spirit-filled pastor who has been sent to this mission this Conference year, and we feel that many problems which exist would shortly be solved were he able to devote his whole time to this work. With his crowded, busy life in ministering to three charges, with three flocks to tend, three pulpits to fill on the Sabbath, widely separated, and assistant editor of our *Advocate*, yet he gets into many of these homes, bringing blessings with every visit, comforting the sick, praying with the dying, ministering to the dead.

We are so thankful, too, that we can still maintain our work in a Woman's Home Mission Society City Mission Board, glad to be a part and do a part in the great whole of this great work; and ever bear in mind that we owe our existence to and are offspring of the noble band of women who came out to this neglected and dangerous section and by earnest effort made possible this place of worship and this band of converts.

Our two Epworth Leagues are in good condition, and are earnest in all departments. We feel justly proud of the young people comprising these two societies. Our Sunday school meets in the afternoon, and is in good condition. We observed Children's Day, and were delighted with the efforts of the children. We have for superintendent a consecrated woman, through whose efforts the success of this was due. We are planning for the annual picnic which we give the children of the mission, to which they look forward with such pleasant anticipation. We have to solicit donations from the wholesale firms for food, and prepare the same in our mission.

Altogether we have much to be grateful for, and feel that the dear Master's watchful care has been over this "vine."

PORTSMOUTH, VA.—MISS ELLA GANOW, MISSIONARY.

October 1, 1908, the city mission work at Portsmouth, which had been almost discontinued for two years owing to the inability of the Board to secure a trained worker to direct the work, was taken up again.

Having lost sight of most of the families visited by the former missionary, and not knowing in which section of the city the work was most needed, several weeks were spent in making a canvass of various districts in order to settle these points.

This being done, a building containing two large rooms was secured in which to house the work, and we at once set about making it fit for occupancy. This was a difficult proposition, for the place was indescribably dirty and dilapidated; but with a courage worthy of the cause for which they labored the house committee went to work, had the rooms painted, the ceilings papered, matting put on the floor, and electric lights installed. These repairs cost about $50. Chairs, tables, stoves, blackboards, and other necessary furnishings were donated by individuals or by the furniture dealers of the city.

In November we opened the sewing school; and although the first Saturday was rainy, twenty-four children appeared. Inside of a month the enrollment had reached one hundred.

The next afternoon the story hour was inaugurated, and has been continued every Suuday afternoon since, with an attendance ranging from twelve to sixty-five, depending largely upon the weather.

The night school had a registration of twenty-five, with an excellent average attendance. The school was in session three nights each week, every Tuesday evening being given to a social hour, directed by some young woman from Monumental Church. These evenings have not only been helpful and entertaining to the students of the night scohol, but have also gone to prove that among its young people Portsmouth has some reliable, efficient workers, who will be a power in the Church of to-morrow.

Our Home Makers' Club for women met every week, and had some very helpful meetings, although at times the attendance was not as large as could be desired. Each meeting was opened by a devotional half hour, which was followed by a practical talk, which was arranged with the idea of giving some suggestions which the women would find helpful in their home life.

The social feature of the work has not been neglected. At Christmas time each organization was given an entertainment. During the winter a most successful Valentine party, several candy stews, and various other festivities were enjoyed by the young people and children. Also a supper was given to some of the girls from the mills.

In the district visiting we have found the poor who need material aid, the sick and discouraged who need a message of gladness and cheer, the ignorant who need instruction, and the sinful who need to have the gospel message brought to them again and again. In each case we have tried to minister to the special need as best we could through the power of the Master and in his name.

RICHMOND, VA.—MISS MARGARET E. CURLEY, SECRETARY.

The past year has been the best since our organization. Miss Davies has labored faithfully all the year, and much good has been accomplished. She has paid 1,000 visits, distributed 1,800 garments, dispensed about $200 in charity, raising most of this personally; 100 tracts and 24 Gospels have been given; 16 cottage prayer meetings have been held; 10 conversions; 35 new scholars secured for the Sun-

day school at the mission, and quite a number for several of the Churches. Permanent employment has been secured for 15, and employment for quite a number by the day. Provisions have been given to a number of needy families. These figures do not tell half the work done or good accomplished. Only time can tell.

The Woman's Christian Progressive Club, formerly the Mothers' Club, now has a membership of 42. They meet every week, and are very much in earnest. In January they gave their annual banquet, with 30 members present, the cost being $26.08. This is not a charity supper, since each members pays for her meal. It is a great treat to them, after working hard all day in the factory, to be able to enjoy one meal prepared by some one else. A great improvement was noticed in the appearance and deportment of the members over last year. Then fifty per cent had to be provided with suitable clothing; this year only two persons were assisted.

The sewing school, with 25 members, composed of all nationalities, has an average attendance of 18. The Young People's Club and singing class are well attended, and show marked improvement. A woman's sewing circle, with 13 members, has just been organized; also a boys' club, with 28 members, and a "Children's Hour," with 38 members. At Christmas 122 baskets, valued at $1.50 each, or $183 for all, were sent to the sick and suffering.

We feel that the Lord's hand is in this work, and pray that each year may bring greater results.

St. Louis, Mo., Kingdom House.—Miss Helen Gibson, Deaconess.

If I were asked for a key word to express the spirit of Kingdom House, I should say it is "growth," and I think the influence of our go-forward spirit is felt by all the social workers of our great city. The children of the factory district in South St. Louis, many of whom are of German descent, are a lively, vigorous set, and we simply have to move to keep pace with them. At the Children's Outing Farm, which was opened this year by our City Mission Board, the Kingdom House children had more spirit and were harder to control than those from all the other institutions of the city; but we are proud of their spirit, and would not have it otherwise. Ours is the stupendous task of curbing and teaching self-control, the privilege of directing their God-given energies, of providing wholesome amusement, of inspiring them with high ideals, and then helping them to their attainment.

This year has found us better equipped for the needs of our work than ever before. At last the long-looked-for new building has become a reality. The property adjoining our present location has been purchased, and is being put in excellent condition for the work. The two buildings were occupied by Walther College. The lot is 130x350 feet, right in the heart of the factory district; it extends from Eighth to Paul Streets. The large old residence, with its stately columns, is being adapted to the work of girls and women. The school building will be adapted to club work, and will be used largely by boys and men. We have space for a public playground, private garden, basket ball, and tennis court, and altogether the prospect is alluring. The buildings are being furnished in good mission style, simple but attractive, and as to situation and equipment will, we think, compare favorably with any American settlement.

Our mothers of the Woman's Circle have given $40 to the pastor to be applied on the Conference collections. One-tenth of their money is reserved for local use, in case of sickness or want among the members.

The programs are carefully prepared, and provide for the spiritual and social life of our women.

The Lunch Club, of fifty factory girls, continues in interest. We are cramped for room, and plan for a larger and better work for them in our new home.

Our circulating library of 1,300 books recently received a splendid gift of 114 volumes. This was a timely gift, for our constant readers need new inspiration.

For younger girls we have an industrial school. It has been beautifully managed by our resident volunteer worker and the splendid volunteer teachers who come to us from week to week. The methods have improved, and the present management make it a pleasure to all concerned.

In our neighborhood parlor people, young and old, drop in at any hour, and it is indeed a *home place* to them.

Recognizing the fact that the social instinct is one of the strongest, we try to focus all the social life of our young people at Kingdom House. The Labor Day carnival has become a regular celebration, looked forward to by many of our people. We take advantage of its being a legal holiday, and try to furnish wholesome amusements that will hold against the attractions elsewhere, which are not uplifting and are often demoralizing. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, St. Valentine's, Washington's Birthday, St. Patrick's Day, and the Fourth of July are all celebrated, with programs appropriate to the day.

The kindergarten department has suffered for lack of room and an epidemic of measles. We have tried to emphasize quality this year instead of numbers. I never visit the kindergarten without learning something and feeling refreshed. Probably this is true of all work with children.

We have used an abandoned city playground for our work. It is situated three blocks east of us down toward the river, and attracts a very needy class of children, many of whom are of foreign birth and are housed in the most congested districts. The personal touch of our consecrated Christian workers with these poor children is beautiful. Many are won for the Sunday school and for our winter clubs and classes. There are individual cases of boys being educated and clothed, children receiving medical aid, and one child with failing sight is being educated in the school for the blind. Our under-age kindergarten, day nursery, and laundry room are a godsend to these helpless ones.

The boys' brass band has been reorganized, and the new organization bids fair to surpass the old. Could you see these forty bright-faced boys tugging away two evenings each week, you would agree with me in thinking that time, energy, and money could scarcely be better expended.

Our supply store is still doing a successful business, thanks to our many friends.

A word in regard to the new work of the year: In the early fall we began by fitting up three rooms on the third floor for boys' clubs. We did not begin to realize before how many small boys there are in the community. The work proved exceedingly interesting, and I assure you that the boys made it interesting to us. Ours was one of the very few boys' clubs down in the city. One of the best gifts of the year is a manual-training outfit, valued at $125, from the Provident Association. The director of the boys' work of the Central Y. M. C. A. has been a great help to us in the organization of our work. After the boys' clubs were safely launched, we fitted up a Dutch kitchen and a little dining room for the girls to study domestic science. The director of this de-

partment at the Y. W. C. A. planned the girls' work and sent volunteer teachers from her classes to take charge of ours.

A Bible class for young women met every Tuesday evening, and the interest was quite gratifying.

We also instituted a penny savings bank. Our system is the same as that used by downtown banks, and our children are not only learning to save but are at the same time learning something of banking.

Our milk station is in charge of the district nurse, and is one of the largest and best-conducted in the city. We have a baby show every fall, and the money made from this goes for helping to maintain the Pure Milk Commission. Our nurse is kept busy, for she not only attends the milk station, looking after the health of the babies, but assists in the clinic three mornings every week, and makes many outside calls.

While much has been said of the work of the house, we would not minimize work on the outside. It is part of the duty of all residents to visit for their departments, and our Visitor and nurse spend much time in the district.

In conclusion, I would speak of the increased interest and the ever-growing number of friends of Kingdom House, which has been evidenced in a practical way by the purchase of our new property. Miss Bennett's admonition to keep the Spirit of Christ ever before us, even in work that of itself would not suggest his Spirit, is our constant aim.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Miss Annie Mutch, Deaconess.

In reviewing my work the results are by no means satisfactory; yet our work has progressed. God has been so good to me, and has raised up so many friends and helpers for the work.

When I first came I was something of a curiosity to some who had never seen a deaconess. Some thought that I was suffering with toothache, and one dear old soul said: "I sees you uns has the mumps." I told her "No," some people tied up their jaws when they didn't have the mumps, afterwards explaining what I was.

Really my work is divided, in that while laboring among my dearly loved mill people I have also been busy presenting the work to our Home Mission women, keeping them posted as to our needs and interesting them in our welfare.

The first few months were spent in studying my territory, trying to decide the most practical and needful work to begin. My predecessor had opened work with the children and cottage prayer meetings. These I continued, adding other features as the work grew.

The President of our Society soon had the members divided into committees, so that I knew which committee to look to for certain phases of the work.

After the sewing school committee was formed, we set apart each Wednesday morning for training the teachers. At first this seemed to delay the opening of the sewing school; but when the school was opened, and it became necessary for me to leave the city for several days, then I saw how well the time had been invested, for the school could run all right in my absence. Out of the 63 pupils enrolled 35 held out to the end, some doing excellent work. They almost cried when the school closed for the summer.

Another committee stands ready to prepare trays for the sick. One of the liverymen furnishes a hack whenever needed. I get some lady to go with me, and we carry two and sometimes three trays to the sick.

A supply committee furnishes me garments to lend in cases of sick-

ness; even the children are busy with helping hands, cutting out paper dolls and making scrapbooks for the sick children.

How can I tell you of the girls in my Sunday school class? They are so dear to my heart! We began with five; and having organized ourselves into the "Overcomers," we are overcoming many difficulties through God's help. With 25 now on the roll we are striving to be missionaries. Wherever you meet a girl wearing a laurel wreath, it is the badge of an "Overcomer." One mother told me not long ago: "Ruth is such a comfort to me now; she is indeed overcoming many difficulties, and is striving to promote the happiness of the home."

The cottage prayer meetings have grown in interest and numbers. Nearly all of the ladies will lead in prayer, and a spirit of harmony and brotherly love exists which at first was lacking. We are indeed striving to please Him who has honored us by calling us his children.

We believe it will not be long before we can write you that Spartanburg has a Wesley House. We are planning, working, and praying for this needed home among our mill people.

Some are so noble, true, and good that often I feel my unworthiness to lead them. I am praying for that "wisdom that is from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

WACO, TEX., REBECCA SPARKS HOME.—MISS MAY LOCKARD, DEACONESS.

We have had many things to be thankful for during the past year in our work. The early part of last year plans were laid for a new building, and on June 15 the Home was closed for two months and work begun on the building. The deaconess was given a two months' vacation at the expiration of that time, and upon my return to Waco a large and new building had been erected on the site of the old one. It is a handsome two-story building, modern in every detail. With electric lights, hot and cold baths, light and well-ventilated rooms, we feel that we could not be more comfortable if we were paying the price at a first-class hotel. The large double parlor is "a thing of beauty," and was fitted up with great care by the founder of the Home, Mrs. Rebecca Sparks. All of the rooms have been furnished by individuals, and bear their names upon the doors.

Early in the autumn a public opening was given, at which time many hundreds of Waco's men and women passed through the building, and were unanimous in their admiration of it and praise for those who had made it possible. We opened for the girls on September 8, with 18 boarders, and since that time have been practically full all the time. We have had some delightful sacred concerts in the Home on Sunday afternoons, and several fine talks from the pastors of the city. It is our intention to have these once a month during the coming year. We find them elevating and helpful. They were held every week last year; but that debars the girls from going out Sunday afternoons at all, and we believe the former will be the better plan.

The Sunday school lesson is studied on Thursday evenings, and much interest is manifested in this by some.

We were detained from attending the Annual Conference in May by the illness of one of the girls, who, the night before we should have gone, was suddenly stricken with appendicitis; but after a few days of careful nursing she was able to be up again. On the whole the health of all has been exceptionally good, and a spirit of helpfulness and good cheer has pervaded the Home.

Recently we have taken in a little twelve-year-old girl whose father

is dead and the mother finds herself unable to provide for the child. The Board will furnish a home for her, and the Austin Avenue Auxiliary will clothe and educate her. We hope to rear the little one to a life of usefulness and honor, and trust that in future years this Home may shield and protect many young girls and women who are out in the world upon their own resources, and that the noble women who have planned and worked so hard for years to make it possible may see even in this life rich results of their labors, and in the life to come abundant reward.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—MISS FLORENCE BLACKWELL, DEACONESS.

After taking my vacation early in the summer, I came to Winston-Salem, the twin city, in July.

Winston-Salem is a rapidly growing manufacturing city. It is said that in proportion to its size it has more factories than any other city in the United States. The majority of these are tobacco factories. My work is in a section of the city where many of these factory people live.

My first six weeks here were spent in a canvass of my territory, getting acquainted with the people and the field, and I found that there was a great opportunity open to us. The City Mission Board had been organized only a few months, but I found the people of the Churches ready to help in any work they might be called upon to do.

I was given a class in the Sunday school of Burkhead Church, where our Church centers. We immediately organized a Philathea Class, and the young ladies have done remarkable work. We began with twelve members, and now have more than fifty enrolled, and have touched more than seventy in the class.

I also organized a Junior League, and the children have done good work.

We opened our sewing school September 1, and closed the last of May. During the year we enrolled one hundred and twenty-five children, and had eighteen teachers. Children and teachers were very enthusiastic in this work, and good work was done. Fourteen little girls are now ready for the senior class.

We had forty boys enrolled in the boys' basketry club. I had a mission study class in the League, and have charge of the Young People's Missionary Society. I am also President of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

We have just opened our Wesley House, and have a day nursery in connection with it. Our Wesley House is a little six-room cottage next to the church, and it is all our own.

Our Institutional Church is in process of erection, and we hope to be in it by October.

We feel that we have great cause for thanksgiving that so much has been accomplished in these months. The Lord has been with us, and has done great things for us. Our volunteer helpers have gone into this work in such a spirit of love and sympathy and with such enthusiasm that it is not surprising that we can see results.

With our enlarged quarters and better equipment, we hope to undertake new work next year, and God being with us we expect to accomplish many things in his name.

I am glad it has been my privilege to labor here this year. It has been a year filled with joy and happiness in the Master's service.

DEACONESS WORK AS PASTORS' ASSISTANTS.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FIRST CHURCH.—MISS MARY VAUGHAN.

During the year preceding this present one we suffered somewhat of a drought in our First Church of Birmingham. Every step seemed uphill. Everything done seemed swallowed up in the great need for more to be done. Some faithful ones worked and prayed and hoped. Our members in large numbers were turning their faces toward suburban Churches. My own work seemed largely one of encouragement and an effort to tie up breaking threads.

Just at a time when spent nerves, worn body, and flagging courage most needed relief, it came at the hand of a generous friend, whose life as well as her money is spent in the service of others. A visit to Chautauqua, Northfield, and some of the active missions of New York afforded rest and inspiration that have enriched my past year's work immeasurably.

In December Dr. L. C. Branscomb began his ministry among us. Some of us had been praying for weeks that God would send us a pastor who would be a definite soul winner. We felt from the first that our prayers had been answered. Every department began to throb with life. It soon became my great pleasure to help a warm-hearted, consecrated, active pastor to become acquainted with the flock which is so dear to me. They responded with eager bounds to his earnest appeals and loving attention, and almost from the beginning we began to have conversions.

In April Rev. J. E. Brown and Mr. C. P. Curry conducted a series of revival services for us. Words are not big enough nor deep enough to tell of the work which this meeting has done in our Church and community. This is being written three months after the meeting, and its influence seems unabated. Families have been transformed. Young lives and old lives have been literally turned about. Our prayer meeting has been greatly increased, both in numbers and in power. Our Epworth League, from a struggling one, has become one of the best I have ever known. In this great reaping I have had the joyous privilege of some share.

At the close of three years of acquaintance I feel that I have a fairly accurate knowledge of the membership of the Church. This I find of great value in many ways. It often enables me to supply, by a suggestion, a needy spot in the machinery of the Church, and on the other hand I am often glad to find a fitting place of service for one who is just ready for it.

My work during the year has incidentally included some rescue work. In one case I was directed to a girl who was on the verge of suicide. She has recently returned to her home in another State, and her baby is adopted into a good home.

I have also made a few visits to our city jail. From one of these visits grew some rescue work of a different type. This time it was two young boys.

One of my duties each week is to gather the information for our Church *Bulletin*, which we find very helpful in binding together the many interests of our Church.

My work during the past year has been more constant than during the two previous ones. But it has been the most joyous one of my life. My heart is full, and my lips abound with His praises.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Miss Emma Burton, Deaconess.

These few months of service have brought their many hours of joy and thanksgiving, and I can truly say: "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places." It has indeed been a privilege to work in Centenary Church in Chattancoga.

I came to my work July 9, 1908. I began by securing a list of the names of all the members of the Church, and visiting has been a large part of my work. Our Father has permitted me to carry the good tidings of his great love to the sick, the dying, the discouraged, the tempted, the stranger, the bereaved; and to each alike I can introduce him as the One whose "grace is sufficient."

Our Sunday school is in a most flourishing condition, with an average attendance of 450. I have a class of eighteen girls in the Intermediate Department. They are organized into the "Willing Workers," and Christmas we supplied one family with dinner, warm clothing, and toys. They are always willing to do anything that I call on them to do, and well deserve the name.

I assist with the Junior League on Sunday afternoon and teach the Sunday school lesson at the Crittenton Home. Two of the young women have been converted and two reclaimed.

Our Senior League is not in as flourishing a condition as we would like, yet it has been productive of genuine good in the hearts of some of our young people, and gives promise of a great future.

We opened a boys' reading room on November 1. The furnishing was a labor of love, every article of furniture being contributed by friends who had the interest of the work at heart. One gentleman gave 200 books. Recently we have changed the name to the "Junior League Reading Room."

We have a sewing school, with an enrollment of thirty.

I am Superintendent of the Home Department, but have twenty-four visitors to assist me with the work. The membership is 125.

This winter was a hard one on some of the working class because of so many being out of employment; hence there have been many demands for help. We have a large supply closet, and a great many second-hand clothes are sent in for distribution. Some are sold for a nominal sum to those who can afford to pay; but often they cannot even pay the small price. In addition to the worthy poor we have the professional beggar as well, so it is not always easy to discriminate.

The pastor, Rev. J. A. Baylor, is a man of breadth and foresight, and is ever ready and capable of giving the best advice.

I love the work more and more. I would not give it up for any other, and I hope God may have a place for me and use me for many years in his service.

Crossett, Ark.—Miss Mae McKenzie.

A few days before the season came for making annual reports to the Board Miss Mae McKenzie's tongue was silenced and her hand was pulseless, for the mortal had put on immortality, and she "was not," for God had called her home. We give an account of her last service at Crossett, which beautifully portrays the whole ministry of her life:

"Crossett. Ark., February 16, 1909.

"I have been trying for the past few days to write you about Miss McKenzie's illness, and now I scarcely know where to begin. She had been feeling sick for a week or more before she was taken with a severe attack with her heart, and had been staying in the house resting most of the time, and for the last week I insisted upon her staying in her

room and in bed. Saturday afternoon she got up and dressed and came out to supper, seemingly feeling very much better, and thinking she would be able to drive to church next day to hear Dr. and Mrs. Snell, the missionaries, who stopped on their way to San Francisco. But the next morning when I went to her room early I found her sitting up in bed. She said that she had not been able to breathe well. When the doctor came, he found her heart in a most serious condition. He called Dr. Snell in consultation, also Dr. Norman, of Hamburg, and they all said there was very little chance for her recovery. The last week we sent for a trained nurse. She did not suffer much, except from extreme nervousness, which sometimes seemed more than she could bear. On Wednesday night we thought she could not live during the night; but she showed wonderful vitality, and the next day there was some improvement, and we hoped she might get well. She did not speak of dying at all till the last afternoon. At about four o'clock she asked me to tell her of her condition, and I did so. From then she seemed to take on a new and most wonderful strength, and asked the doctor not to give her anything that would make her unconscious when dying.

"It is difficult to describe to you the rest, for to me and to the many who were present it was the most wonderful scene we ever witnessed. As soon as it became known about town that our beloved deaconess was dying the people began to come to see her. She sat up in bed and called each one by name, and had a message for every one. Her Baraca boys were all there, and many other young men whom she had tried in vain to get into the class. Her overwhelming desire to save souls stayed with her to the last, and she made a number of them promise her to become Christians. To one who said, "I will try," she said: "Don't say, 'I'll *try*;' say, 'I *will*.' Repeat it after me, 'I can and I will.'" And the young man, with sobs, did so. To numbers of others she gave like messages, while men, women, and children stood there in awe and listened. I have been told that fully two hundred persons passed through her room during the three hours, and she spoke to every one. It seemed to all of us to be a glimpse of heaven. She said over and over again: 'I always knew it would be all right, but I never knew it would be so sweet to go. It is so sweet! It is so sweet!' She said: 'It is almost time for my next report to the Board; now I will make it in heaven. But tell the Board that if I could have had my choice of the whole world I would rather have been sent to Crossett than any other place. I have been so happy here.' I wish I could make you see the picture as she sat propped up in the bed with the most beautiful look and smile on her face as she gave her message to the people.

"She wrought much good in Crossett during her work of a year and a half; but we will never know what her death and those last three hours did. She did more in her short stay here than most good people do in a lifetime. There are boys here who have been positively transformed through her influence.

"She became unconscious at about eight o'clock, and near 12:15 her spirit took its flight, and we were left so lonely; but I thank God for the few months she was permitted to be in my home. On the next afternoon (Wednesday) her Baraca boys, wearing the arm bands that she had given them Christmas, carried her to the church, where the service was held at five o'clock, so that the mill could shut down. The church was not large enough for those who came, and there were many who had never been in it before—all classes of people. I wish you could have heard our pastor, Brother Hammons, as he talked from an overflowing heart from the very text your telegram referred us to, Revelation xiv. 13. Every one said that it was the most beautiful talk

they had ever heard; but with such a subject it could hardly have been otherwise. Then there was another beautiful scene when he asked those of her boys who could to stand with him around her coffin and pledge themselves to be better and stronger men for her sake. It was a sight to make the angels rejoice to see those eighteen fine young men standing there around her coffin. Her passing and that service were so grandly triumphant that we could scarcely grieve till it was all over and we found it so lonely. We are wondering how that work she was doing so beautifully is to be carried on. The night school was so fine, and we do not know who can halfway carry on the Baraca class.

"That night she was left at the church, and her dear boys watched with her. The next morning Brother Hammons started on the sad journey home with her. None of her family came, though we kept them posted as to her serious condition. Her sister and father were not well. A letter from Brother Hammons last night said they took her right on to their old home, Americus, Ga., where the funeral was held from the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and she was buried in a beautiful place beside her mother.

"Everything was done for her that could be done. I never saw such attention or care given a patient as she received from Dr. Sparks. He stayed here almost every minute for several days, giving every dose of medicine by hypodermic, and for five nights slept here without even having his clothes off. Brother Hammons, too, was, as she told him at the last, "her father, brother, and friend," and did everything all these could have done.

"And now Crossett and Mrs. Rule must get along some way without Miss McKenzie. I know God will provide the way, and her mission must have been fulfilled, or he would not have called her. But, though we know from the glimpse she gave us it is glory for her, it is so hard for us who must live without her."

LOUISVILLE, KY., THE METHODIST TEMPLE.—MISS IDA M. STEVENS.

I began work at the Methodist Temple, Louisville, Ky., on September 1, two months of our Conference year having been spent in work at Gastonia, N. C.

I have an office at the church, and spend the mornings there, helping with office work, receiving callers, etc. I have charge of the Church register, which I have recently revised, and keep a record of strangers. I also furnish a certain amount of Church news for our *Temple Messenger*. This little paper is distributed every Saturday afternoon in the vicinity of the church. My afternoons are spent in visiting. Five evenings a week are given to meetings and Church work.

Our Sunday school is one of the best in the city. The record, "Not one teacher absent," is not an unusual one on Sunday mornings. Thirty members of the Sunday school have come into the Church since the new year. The Philathea Class, which has been given me, at present numbers fourteen energetic, earnest young business women. Naturally I feel a peculiar allegiance to this class, though I take pride in every department of the school.

We have about seventy-five young women in our Church who are wage-earners, and scores of others in the neighborhood with no Church affiliation who attend frequently. As many of these live in boarding houses, we plan to have a sewing room and parlor properly chaperoned, so they may have home comforts and pleasures free of expense. We dream of seeing two hundred happy young women come every night to our open church. This dream began to be realized when we organized

our Young Women's Club. The idea of a gymnasium was presented to them, and God sent a teacher, just the woman who was needed. The first twenty-one members brought others, until fifty were enrolled, and an afternoon class was necessary. For three months my pastor was ill, and the regular Church visiting to sick and shut-ins prevented my canvassing for these classes as I would have liked.

Our Wednesday evening teachers' meeting is a pronounced success. Connected with it is our teachers' lunch, at which from forty to sixty persons are served weekly. The prayer meeting, the spiritual thermometer of any Church, registers from 100 to 200.

The necessity for volunteer workers led the pastor to organize a band of ladies into a society who call themselves the "Pastor's Aid." Fifty members are enrolled, and I am their Secretary. On New Year's day they had an open house at the Temple from four until ten o'clock. Four hundred people were entertained. The society has raised $222, and spent $207 in institutional work.

One of our ladies conducts a boys' club of twenty-eight members. Our Church has both Home and Foreign Mission Societies, Adult and Juvenile. The Juvenile Foreign Society has ranked first in the Louisville Conference for years. We have the best-attended Epworth League in the city.

There are things which cannot be put into words that make me say it has been a good year—the personal touch, the visits in the homes, the glad welcome from the sick and lonely ones. I have done my best to be a real assistant and promote every interest of the Church, as I felt it promoted the kingdom of God and of our Christ.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.—MISS ELIZABETH TAYLOR.

A written report of the work of a pastor's assistant is difficult. One is brought face to face with the fact that another year is gone beyond recall, also that as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ at best we are unprofitable even though we may have done our utmost in the discharge of our duty.

Then, too, there is much that cannot be recorded—the cheer and good fellowship carried into the homes of the "rich and the poor, the high and the low," cannot be tabulated. The living day by day, the conquering life, forgetful of self, manifesting the Christ spirit to all one comes into contact with, patiently enduring, recognizing the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, bearing "the fruits of the Spirit," cannot be reckoned in figures nor recorded in words. Yet these should and must be the characteristics of the true pastor's assistant. Conscious of my limitations and of failure many times, yet this has been my ideal, and from day to day I have endeavored to carry out the requirements.

My work for the year began in Houston, Tex. It was truly a joy to labor with the St. Paul people and to see the growth, not only of the magnificent material building, but of the spiritual temple, whose chief corner stone is Christ Jesus. Visiting the sick and the stranger, the membership of the Church, aiding in the woman's work, the time was all too short. The woman's Bible study class was a special joy, meeting weekly in the study of the "Life of Christ."

January 20 found me ready for work in New Orleans as assistant to Dr. Hill, of the First Church. Aside from my work in aiding the pastor, one day of the week is given to the Home Mission Society for special work. Sunday afternoon is given to the Sunday school at Mary Werlein Mission. Much benefit and pleasure have come from leading

the mission study class of the Home Mission Society for the last three months.

A home department to the Sunday school has been organized, with fifty members and three visitors. A cottage prayer meeting for the benefit of the "shut-ins" is in my charge.

Everywhere I am received kindly, and I realize that a "great door" is being opened for the Church in this great city, and my prayer is that we may enter in and possess the land.

MONTGOMERY.—MAYBELLE MARSHALL, DEACONESS.

Montgomery, the pride of Alabama, ideally Southern in the spirit of hospitality and fellowship, is rapidly becoming cosmopolitan; and as these representatives from every portion of the globe awaken her to a sense of her new environment she is making an effort to adjust herself to meet its needs.

Many churches, some modern in construction, represent the heart life of our city; and one is impressed with the truth that, amid the rush and din of commercialism, God is indeed honored by his people. Among these Churches Dexter Avenue stands perhaps in the lead spiritually. Her membership is composed almost entirely of the study class who are the dependable people in any Church. Inadequate to meet the needs of a rapidly growing membership in every department, using every portion of room for Sunday school work, her people just canceling this month a debt of eighteen years' standing, she looks forward to still greater sacrifice for her Lord, and stands ready to enlarge her borders and meet the demands of a great downtown Church instead of moving away from her responsibility.

To this Church the Father sent me one year ago as his first representative, save one talk by a visiting worker, of the office of deaconess in this city. The cordiality of my reception strengthened that courage which was born of a strong faith in God's wonderful love and guidance up to this time; and with a spirit of appreciation of the privilege of service for him I began the work of getting acquainted by a house-to-house canvass, gaining ready admittance to every home save one—because of the queer little cap—and the curiosity thus excited often aided as an entrance into the hearts hungry for spiritual food. This one woman, who was "not at home," in making an apology afterwards said: "I was certain you had a book concealed somewhere, and dreaded another interview with an agent. Please call again; you will always find a welcome."

I have been allowed the full direction of my work, with the exception of Sunday school assistance; so with the increase of responsibility comes an increase of time to listen to the Voice which never fails, and the life grows deeper.

A large portion of our membership celebrate moving day October 1, necessitating a new Church register every fall. I am now working on my second.

Numerous strangers are constantly welcomed into our parish, and many unite with our Church after a friendly visit.

Cottage prayer meetings are occasionally held in the homes of our shut-ins, proving a blessing to the neighborhood.

The growing demand for leadership in every department of Church work claims much of my time, and the plan of developing new workers consumes energy and thought power.

Existing organizations have been regularly attended and assisted Since coming here I have organized the children and young ladies

for mission work, meeting the children, who now number 118, every Sunday afternoon and the young ladies once a month.

In order to take charge of the Primary Department on Sunday morning I have been meeting the Teachers' Training Class on Wednesday afternoon.

My report is made to the regular quarterly meetings, thus bringing the work before the entire body of the Church as far as possible; also a copy is printed in the *Sunday School Quarterly*.

Almost every month an opportunity to do district work must be refused, as the work here demands all my time and strength. I have managed to visit four Conferences during the year and see the great need of a district worker.

The time spent with Dexter Avenue has been one of blessed privilege, and ever I am thanking the Father for "counting me worthy of appointment to his service."

My statistical report is as follows: Visits made, 1,575; visits to sick, 848; visits to bereaved, 121; visits to strangers, 50; visits to institutions, 80; visits to non-Churchmembers, 135; visits in the interest of Sunday school and missionary work, 341; hours spent in nursing the sick, 60; opportunities for Bible-readings and prayer, 347; lessons taught in the Sunday school, 77; meetings attended, 456; meetings led or addressed, 81; money spent for needy, $68.55; garments distributed, 108; subscriptions secured for Church papers, 18; Church letters secured, 7; children placed in institutions, 3; conversions due to personal effort, 8; cottage prayer meetings conducted, 10; auxiliaries organized, 3; money raised by same, $93.45; rest month, August.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., RAYNE MEMORIAL CHURCH.—MARY H. FRANKLAND.

The work as pastor's assistant at Rayne Memorial has been so full of pleasure that the past eight months has seemed only half so long.

Besides doing some visiting among Church members and strangers, I have assisted in the work of the Epworth League.

It has also been my privilege and pleasure to teach a class of young ladies in the Sunday school and to see three of them take up work as teachers in the junior department.

The Woman's Home and the Foreign Missionary Societies have claimed a part of my time, and the work with them has indeed been pleasant and profitable to me.

But the work which has taken the greater part of my time and attention is our settlement, "Rayne Church House." More than a year ago our pastor, Dr. J. A. Rice, saw an opportunity for opening social work in a cotton mill community, and succeeded in getting Rayne Memorial to undertake it. A board of control was appointed to direct and finance the work, and the Home Mission Society has been an important factor in its development. The growth of the work has been encouraging. We have enrolled in all departments 195 children, with 25 volunteer workers. During the spring we had to close for a month because of an epidemic of scarlatina, and since reopening the attendance has not been what it was before. However, it is increasing at each meeting.

The sewing school for girls from five to twelve years old grew so large that we had to divide it into two groups, and let them come on different days of the week, because our room would not accommodate all at one time.

We have a girls' club which meets once a week. These girls (twelve to seventeen years of age) sew or do some kind of fancywork. They

have just finished stenciling four pairs of curtains to be hung in the rooms in which they meet.

The club for boys from five to ten years of age has a membership of 15. These little fellows are interested in a small plat of ground in the rear of the church, which is "their garden." It has not been very successful as a garden up to the present time; but as a place for "getting in touch" with the little street boys it is proving its value.

The club for older boys is in charge of one of the young men's classes in the Sunday school. This club is social rather than industrial.

The mill ownership has given us the use of a vacant lot, which we are about to equip with basketball, so that our boys and girls may have outdoor recreation.

In our effort to uplift these boys and girls physically, mentally, and spiritually we have some serious problems to solve; but our people are ready to help, and we know that if we work "in His name" our work will not be in vain.

ST. LOUIS, MO., CENTENARY CHURCH.—MISS MABEL KENNEDY.

My report for the past year will differ from any previous report for the reason that I have been alone in the work and each year brings new responsibilities. Much has been done that cannot be accounted for in figures, but I trust that the work has been of the most lasting quality that will stand the test in the great day. The year has been a very happy and a busy one. Centenary is not an Institutional Church, but carries on many lines of institutional work. As pastor's assistant, my duty is largely that of calling and receiving calls during my office hours. The calls fall into five groups—viz., visits to the Church members, the nonmembers, the sick, the bereaved, and to institutions, making a total of 940 calls made. The office hours afford many an opportunity for consultation, etc., and I have had 1,150 calls during this year. Much valuable information reaches me at this time by phone.

We have two wide-awake Sunday schools, with an average attendance of 900. Most of the adult classes are organized, and it is my privilege to teach one of these classes in each Sunday school. Both classes are young ladies, and they number about 175. These girls have raised $360 for a deaconess scholarship, and are going to buy a piano for the church parlor this fall. They have a chorus with a quartet which does credit to the teacher as well as the class.

The Epworth League is in splendid condition. There are 300 members enrolled. It provides religious training and social life for our young people.

The prayer meeting has always been the life of Centenary. Our attendance is remarkable for the large per cent of young people.

We have a girls' industrial school and a young men's club. These, in connection with the League, organized Sunday school classes, and different societies, keep our young people busy in good work. Through the kindness of the young men's club a fine tennis court is open for the enjoyment of the Church. A library is furnished by the Epworth League.

This year shows that prayer was offered in 350 homes, 97 lessons taught in Sunday schools, 200 persons induced to attend Church, 498 meetings attended, 20 meetings conducted or addressed, 95 Bibles or Testaments distributed, 531 garments distributed, $120 given out for food, etc., 28 children placed in institutions, 8 adults placed in homes, 22 situations found for unemployed. The following item is the main aim of my work: God has permitted me to help bring 60 persons to the

acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ. I trust that many have been strengthened through my ministry as I have been blessed in ministering.

THURBER, TEX.—MISS EUGENIA SMITH.

I have realized fully since I have been in Thurber that we cannot say of all Home Mission work, "Thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and a hard language," for in our camp of about 8,000 we have eighteen nationalities.

The pastor told me when I came here, "Thurber is a beehive of workers;" and I have found it true. The men work in the mines and brick yards and the women in the homes. Some keep a dozen or more boarders, doing washing for their own families and boarders also, and all the sewing and housework. This is mostly among the foreign women. So many of the men have to work on Sunday too.

Of course all who come here are seeking employment and money. These throngs are not here for our religion, but I am so glad that we have the opportunity to tell them of Christ and his love, which is the only thing that can bridge the rift between the nationalities.

Our work is difficult. It was abandoned for years; but two years ago Dr. Macune and his consecrated wife came here filled with love for God's people, and have been laboring to build up a Church for him. Then last year it was my privilege to come and assist. In the fall Mr. Maurini, an Italian missionary, came to us from Ybor City. He is teaching us the Italian language three nights in the week.

Our Sunday school has six nationalities represented in it, and I believe it is the best I ever saw compared to the membership of the Church.

Our Church is still weak. We have a seating capacity of about 150, and about 40 or 45 members enrolled; but they are not all active Christians.

We organized a Junior League soon after I came, which is doing good work. One Sunday each month we have Foreign Missions, one Sunday Home Missions, the other two the Junior League.

Then we have a juvenile branch to the I. O. G. T. which is doing great good. We have 127 members, who have taken the fourfold pledge not to drink anything intoxicating, not to use tobacco in any form, not to use either profane or wicked words, and not to gamble. They are so conscientious about it, too, and every once in a while some one confesses that he has broken the pledge and asks to be restored. We meet once a week.

I meet with the Mexicans once a week in prayer meeting. We use Spanish hymnals, and have Bible lessons in Spanish. The most consecrated Mexican woman helps me. Her face shines with God's love as she reads the lesson and interprets for me, and often in her own words pleads with them. Seven have said that they would join the Church.

We also have an American cottage prayer meeting once a week.

At the Annual Meeting at Corsicana I talked on "Our Interests at Thurber," and the people offered to support another worker, and $852 was pledged.

I am hoping and praying that we may soon have another worker and a Wesley House, and that we may do more than ever for the dear people who are toiling under the earth and in other ways at Thurber.

Lindale, Ga., Massachusetts Cotton Mills.—Miss Addie Mitchell, Deaconess.

Your worker comes to you with the cry of last year, intensified by a year's experience: "I am only *one*." Our Lord sent out "the twelve" and "the seventy" by twos, and in apostolic missions Paul had his Silas, Barnabas his John Mark, and I—If this be complaining, pray for me; but I long so for a coworker interested in missions.

The mill management, in its untiring efforts to promote the welfare of Lindale, has employed since last fall an excellent kindergartner and trained nurse. For three months I assisted in the kindergarten in the mornings, sewed for it in the afternoons, besides friendly visiting, directing the clubs, games, and library, and teaching two evenings a week in the night school.

My Sunday school class of twenty-eight boys is an inspiration, which, if all other works were eliminated, would bring a feeling of satisfaction inasmuch as we know that our "labor is not in vain in the Lord."

The Saturday afternoon sewing school has been a joy, not only to me, but to many of the little girls employed in the mill; and although I have been director, music instructor, and sole teacher this spring, the average attendance has fallen only to twenty-eight.

Our library has proven attractive on account of its reading matter and quiet games, five hundred and fifty visits having been made there this past quarter, the attendance varying anywhere from two to forty.

In the past year I have made nearly two thousand visits, about nine hundred of which were to the sick. I have succeeded occasionally in enlisting the interest of our women to such an extent as to cause a few of them to visit with me, not in their own neighborhood alone, but blocks away from home. They are very willing to sit around a neighbor's doorstep in the afternoon, discussing their children and their neighbor's children. But when we visit together I endeavor to broaden their interests and inspire them with higher ideals, and not one word of gossip passes any one's lips. Our mothers' meetings have furnished their quota of recreation and instruction to these home makers.

Since Christmas the Home Mission Society has had three social gatherings for the purpose of enabling the Church women to become acquainted, and also that they might realize that each one, no matter how lowly, has opportunities to help others less fortunate.

Our boys' club, although short-lived, served its mission of training the boys in many ways, the effect of which is frequently seen. This club may be reorganized with the reopening of the gymnasium, which was closed in February on account of the necessity of converting that hall into an extra class room for the overcrowded public school.

At each day's close its joys and heartaches have been left in the hands of the Father, with thanksgiving for his loving watch care, and with the request: "If I may, I'll serve again another day."

Roberdel, N. C., Roberdel Manufacturing Co.—Sarah K. Lowder, Missionary.

While I have not accomplished all that I have desired during the past year, yet on the whole the work has grown and prospered, and I thank my Heavenly Father for some evidence of success. To him be all the glory for all that has been accomplished!

Roberdel is a factory village, three miles from Rockingham, N. C. My work began here last May, when I was employed by the Roberdel Manufacturing Company, who wanted me to stress the practical side of home mission work among this people, such as the observance of better

hygienic and sanitary laws, proper care and management of the sick, especially those with contagious diseases, and anything taught that would raise the standard of the homes and the community.

We have three Churches in our town. I have been associated most closely with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. My work in connection with it has been to aid in the Sunday school, missionary societies, and League work. In each of these I have held some office, and have tried to be true to my trust.

The industrial features of my work have been carried on at a cottage and a hall. The necessary furnishing and apparatus for these were furnished by the company.

I do much house-to-house visiting, daily visiting the sick and taking note of their needs, and often reading my Bible and praying with these. The people seem to appreciate my work among them, and often insist on my coming to see them, for which I thank my Lord and take courage.

For several years the typhoid fever raged in Roberdel, but during the past year we have had only a few mild cases. This may have been due to some extent to better sanitary conditions in the community and purer drinking water. All of the wells in town were made deeper and lined with terra cotta. Bath rooms have been built, and are being used. We expect in the future to stress the beautifying of the homes and yards of the community as well as other civic improvements. Already a park has been started in our midst.

Last June we began two classes in sewing—a day and a night class. Our enrollment has been 64, and much interest has been shown and good accomplished along this line. I have been assisted in these classes by two volunteer helpers.

In November I organized two classes in cooking, but later merged them into one. Interest has been shown in this work. At each lesson I tried to demonstrate in a practical way how to prepare food in an attractive but at the same time in its most wholesome form.

One of the best features of my work has been the night school, with an enrollment of forty-five. Two nights out of every week have been devoted to this work. Many have done thorough work. Occasionally we give the pupils a social evening.

Three physical culture classes have been organized, with an enrollment of 112. Two of these were for young women, and the other for the mill boys. During the summer months we play outdoor games for exercise, as basket ball and croquet. We expect to have a game of tennis soon.

Words of cheer and appreciation come to us frequently, and I pray most earnestly that this work may be a vital force for good in Roberdel community.

TAMPA, FLA., WOMAN'S HOME AND HOSPITAL.—ELIZABETH R. DAVIS. DEACONESS.

Our year's work of rescuing and training erring girls has been a hard but successful one. Some of the girls of very tender years have been passed to training schools for the younger girls. Others have completed their course, and are holding good positions, and one has gone with her little one to make a home for herself and husband. Each girl signs a contract to remain one year for industrial training, and the local Board hopes soon to raise the contract to two years.

The domestic science is under the direct supervision of Miss Sue Quayle, who is neat, clean, economical, and energetic, and she endeavors to impart the same good qualities to those under her.

Each girl is given actual experience in every department of the industrial work—cooking, baking, laundry, sewing, etc. The work list goes into effect on Mondays. Three or more girls are sent to the bakery, one girl has complete charge of all the kitchen work, another all dining room work, others all house-cleaning (one girl for each floor), and all are held responsible for the appearance as well as for the work. They not only learn to do the work, but get some of the responsibility. The bakery, under the supervision of a worker, not only trains the girls how to bake breads, meats, etc., but pays the expenses of its manager, enlarges itself, and pays ten per cent of the gross receipts to the girls. In the laundry department each girl is given her part to do. She is taught how to do it well. We take in no laundry work except curtains, and the profits go into the hands of the treasurer for the expenses of the Home. The ten per cent of the gross receipts for all industrial work done by the girls is given to the girls, and they spend it for their clothing, and are taught in the Home how to make their clothes.

Our sewing department is simply for instruction, thereby allowing us plenty of time to have each girl make the whole of each garment, even when she has to rip it up many times.

The hospital department is not only for the care of our own, but a number of physicians bring us medical and operative cases for which we make a charge. We have a nurse in charge of the hospital, and we give training to our capable girls who want training. The hospital pays its own expenses, and has given us prestige that otherwise would have taken longer and harder work.

GULF COAST WORK.

Galveston.—Rev. J. B. Sears, Superintendent.

Immigrants' Home.

Since we began work here, on July 18, 1909, twelve German ships with steerage passengers have arrived at this port. Besides, there has been one from Cuba, and seven of the Mallory ships have brought immigrants to this place, making twenty ships that have landed immigrants here. The total number of all kinds of immigrants landing here is 3,201 for the whole time that we have been in operation. During the same time and of the same class of immigrants we have handled 1,079. During the first month we handled twenty-eight per cent of all who came, while the last month we handled thirty-six per cent of all who came. For the whole time we have handled thirty-three and seven-tenths per cent of all who have come. Besides all these, we have handled over 300 people who were out-going to Europe, and who have been of great service to us in getting immigrants to stop at our place when they come to Galveston. These were met at the ship, and all possible assistance was rendered there; after which they were carried to the Home in free omnibuses, where they had free baths, reading rooms, and literature. All nationalities have the Scriptures offered them in their own language, as well as other religious and secular reading matter. Religious tracts are kept on hand in eleven different languages, and the Scriptures in thirteen languages. Every effort is made to make these people feel themselves at home, and accommodations are offered them at the least possible expense.

The Home is prepared to sleep more than 100 people at once in reasonable comfort, and the dining room seats 30 persons at one sitting. One of the most important aids to the immigrant is to get him aboard the proper train with his baggage properly checked.

We feel sure that the Home has made friends of these people, and more, they have a good impression of American institutions and American Christianity. Many of them are glad to get a Bible, and as a rule it is their first Bible. Their manifest gratitude is evidence that they are our friends henceforth. As the Home becomes better known in this country and in Europe our work increases, and the work commends itself.

The Seamen's Home.

The Seamen's Home was opened for sailors on February 11, and within the first three and a half months 1,610 visits were recorded; and knowing the difficulty in getting all visitors to sign the record, it is safe to say that about 2,000 seamen's visits have been had the first three and a half months. The accommodations and equipment for seamen are excelled by very few places. We have accumulated a very good library for so short a time, and a good supply of periodical literature is on hand all the time. Suitable stationery is kept for the accommodation of the seamen, and they are encouraged to write letters home and keep in touch with the best influences of their earlier life.

There has been a social evening given for the seamen about once a month, and at these we have been able to interest a large number of the sailors. The Seamen's Home has been able to take in about $10 a month from cots and lockers, which has been considerable help to the seamen. We are sure that we will do our part in helping the 40,000 seamen who come annually to this port.

So far the workings of the Immigrant Home and the Seamen's Home under the same management has developed no inconvenience or friction.

GULFPORT, MISS.—REV. W. T. GRIFFIN, SUPERINTENDENT.

There have been 132 vessels in port since January 1, 1909. These ships brought 3,020 sailors, representing seventeen or more nationalities and nearly as many languages. Most of them speak English to some etxent, enough to converse. From January 1 to April 22 we had 1,050 visits from sailors to our reading rooms, and from April 1 to June 12 2,232.

We have held 29 gospel services, with 743 present; nineteen concerts, with 615 present; distributed 1,480 invitation cards personally, 111 packages, magazines, and other periodicals; sent flowers to five ships with ladies on them; made 229 visits to ships; helped 13 stranded sailors and five sick ones; sent two to the hospital; found employment for 12; furnished free lodging to over 50 who came hunting work on ships; furnished 260 beds; paid $40.

Our reading rooms are well furnished with magazines and other good literature, costing us only the trouble of sending for them. There are 22 weekly and semiweekly papers in six languages coming to us; only three are paid for, the others being free. The American Bible Society made us a grant of Bibles and Testaments and portions in ten languages. We have sold 27, realizing $7.25 for the Society, and distributed 75 Testaments and portions.

Over 1,000 tracts and booklets have been distributed among sailors. Our library contains 200 volumes. The American Tract Society has donated 100 volumes more.

Letters are written daily by sailors, and the mail is distributed to them. They can always get stamps from us. The King's Daughters have organized a Bethel choir, and furnish good music. Services are held occasionally by the pastors of the city when they are not engaged.

We use a small mission organ, but need a piano very much. I paid $45 for cots, bedding, linen, etc. Electric lights average $6 per month; janitor, $5 and a bed. He keeps everything clean, mopping the floors twice weekly.

Moss Point and Scranton.

I found a good intelligent Norwegian at Moss Point, and he is doing good work among the sailors there. He has a Bible class for them in our Sunday school. I furnish him literature and Testaments in the foreign languages for distribution. He has collected and expended, through the stewards of our Church, $15 for literature. A reading room there would do much good. Very few of them attend church.

As we are not to open work at Biloxi until fall, I only go and preach there; but I am very anxious to get the work opened, and I believe our people will rally to this work. We need a deaconess so much, for we will have to work almost entirely among the women and children. The pastor there is as anxious for this work as we are.

My experience so far is that I have to stay very close to this work to get the sailors to attend, and so have not had very much opportunity to get out for collections. I expect to do more during the summer, when there are not so many in port. The impression here among shippers is that we will have comparatively few ships during the summer. Business will be very slack in lumber.

There are lunch rooms very handy for all who wish to eat. Nearly all sailors eat on their ships; so we only have ice water, and the ladies furnish ice tea once or twice weekly. This they enjoy.

Under authority given me by Dr. Lambuth I have had the contract for the building we now occupy extended for two years from next January. I feel sure we are perfectly safe in this. We have the best location to be had in the city, and we could rent it at any time should we so desire for more than we pay. Recently I could have rented a front room for $10 a month.

I have received $62.27 from individuals for the work. I have sent out nearly 1,000 circular letters and over 1,000 on our Home Mission work from the Mission Rooms. Our greatest need is a piano; but I do not see my way clear to buy it yet, on credit.

I do not wish to be understood as feeling that the above figures and statements represent all they should in spiritual results; but I have done my best as I could see it, and have had many promises from the men to live better lives and to read the Bible daily and spend a season in prayer. This is a hard place to see results. We are trusting our Father to take care of the seed sown.

NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S HALL.—REV. N. E. JOYNER, SUPERINTENDENT.

The work at St. Mark's Hall has been in operation about three months. While the building was rented January 1, we were not able to occupy it until March on account of extensive repairs that were necessary. In so far as we have been able to organize the different departments, our efforts have met with decided success. We have a well-organized sewing school, with 86 girls enrolled and an average attendance of 45 for the past month. In our night school for teaching English 64 have been enrolled—ten women and fifty-four men. In our boys' club work, 40 have been enrolled, and we have had a total attendance of 449. In the music and embroidery classes, 22 girls have been enrolled. Seventy individuals are attending the Sunday afternoon devotional service, with an average attendance of 46. Of these, 29 are adults and 17 chil-

dren. The service for adults is in Italian, and that for the children is in English. Fifteen men belong to the Marconi Club, our men's club. Thirty-seven persons have come to our dispensary for treatment and medicines. Miss Duncan has made 264 visits to the sick; has carried patients 64 times to the office of the physicians coöperating with us, and has made 74 dressings. We have a total enrollment in all departments of 346 persons, and, allowing for those enrolled in more than one department, 255 individuals are in direct touch with the work in St. Mark's Hall. To date—that is, during the first three months of our work—2,055 visits have been made to the Hall by those enrolled in its various departments. In addition to these, 212 members from the various Churches of the city have visited the Hall, and about an equal number have eaten lunch with us. This last fact is mentioned to show that already St. Mark's Hall is becoming a center for the Churches of the city. Several meetings of the City Mission Board and the First Church Home Mission Society have been held in the parlors of St. Mark's.

We are expecting to inaugurate several new features in the immediate future. One of these will be "An Evening for Men," each Saturday evening; and another will be some phase of street preaching. So far we have not attempted any popular evangelistic services, and shall not be able to do so until a suitable location and an adequate auditorium have been secured. The odds against such a movement in New Orleans are great; but they can be overcome. However, in view of the obstacles every precaution possible should be taken to insure success. The right man with the right place and right methods can undoubtedly achieve success here in this great city, as the Wesleyans are doing in London and Manchester. The right man for such an attempt need not be a genius, only a true, faithful fellow, willing to try right methods, even though they are new, and ready to stand in the right place and preach the gospel to thousands who do not and will not come to church.

We are very much hampered in our present building for lack of room. Our courtyard, which is the only gymnasium and playground, is wholly inadequate, and prevents the further development of our club work.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.

Report No. 1.

The report of the schools for the year 1908-09 shows but little material advance over that of last year. The income from fees and the cost of maintenance of the schools have been less.

Your committee was empowered to select a Principal and faculty for Ruth Hargrove Seminary at Key West, owing to the resignation of Miss Emily J. Reid, who for six years had been Principal of the school. Under her management the school grew in size and character of work. In September Prof. A. W. Mohn was secured as Principal. His presidency has the promise of great good.

The Wolff Mission School suffered by reason of the resignation of Miss Josephine Baker on account of ill health. Her resignation was tendered in February, and Miss Daisie Williams, of Nevada, Mo., graciously agreed to take charge of the school until the end of the scholastic year.

The mountain schools continue to grow in usefulness and number of pupils.

The industrial schools are becoming better established and are more nearly measuring up to the type of work indicated by their name.

The Pacific Coast work has enjoyed a year of prosperity. The growth of this work is slow but sure. Encouraging reports of conversions and evangelistic fervor after conversion are given us from each center.

Report No. 2.

Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Cost of Maintenance to Board.	Income from Fees.
Wolff Mission School, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban)	5	129	*$ 3,820 00	$ 319 25
Night School, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban)	1	50	.....	.....
West Tampa School, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban)	3	125	770 00	134 25
Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla. (Mixed)	10	310	6,503 31	1,695 53
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky. (Mountain)	13	363	12,600 33	2 750 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C. (Mountain)	9	175	†6,834 50	1,980 26
Holston Industrial School, Greeneville, Tenn. (Mountain)	...	90	.....	.....
Ann Browder, Dallas, Tex. (Rescue)	7	83	4,902 00	.....
Vashti, Thomasville, Ga. (For Friendless Girls)	5	74	‡8,242 00	.....
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga. Industrial, N groes	4	150	1,384 00	.....
Japanese Night School, Alameda, Cal.	2	62	360 00	160 00
Japanese Kindergarten and Primary, Alameda, Cal.	3	27	180 00	....
Korean Night School, San Francisco, Cal.	1	9	180 00	....
Total	63	1,646	$45,976 14	$7,045 00

These figures do not include 10 night schools with 396 students, conducted by City Mission Boards.

* Purchase of Lizzie Blalock Playground ($800) included.

† First payment on new lots ($500) included.

‡ First payment on 26 acres ($1,800); furnace and furniture ($1,862) included.

Report No. 3.

1. We recommend the reappointment of Prof. J. C. Lewis as Principal of the Sue Bennett Memorial School at London, Ky., with the present faculty.

2. We recommend the reappointment of Prof. C. H. Trowbridge and the present faculty to the Brevard Institute.

3. We recommend the reappointment of the present faculty to Paine Annex.

4. We recommend the reappointment of Miss Sue Lyon as Principal, with the present faculty continued, to Ann Browder Home and School.

5. We recommend the appointment of Prof. A. W. Mohn to the Ruth Hargrove Seminary, with the faculty engaged for the present scholastic year.

6. We recommend the appointment of Miss Lottie Adams as Principal of the Wolff Mission School at Ybor City, Tampa, Fla., to be assisted by the three other teachers who at present constitute the faculty.

7. We recommend that Miss Emelina Valdes be continued in charge of the West Tampa School, with two assistants.

8. We recommend the appointment of Prof. E. E. Bishop and the present faculty to Vashti Industrial School.

9. We recommend that the faculties for the schools at Oakland, Alameda, and San Francisco be supplied by the Superintendent of the Pacific Coast Work.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MISS MABEL HEAD.

DEACONESS WORK AND CITY MISSIONS.

REPORT NO. 1.

The year 1908-09 marks the most successful year yet enterprised by the Woman's Home Mission Society in city mission and deaconess work. Twenty-four City Mission Boards have been carrying a force of 81 salaried workers and 344 volunteers. Three City Mission Boards have been organized during the year in the following cities: Knoxville, Tenn., Bristol, Tenn., and Winston-Salem, N. C. Thirty-two deaconesses and 20 missionaries have been regularly appointed by the Board, and have served as follows: Pastors' assistants, 11; cotton mill workers, 2; Wesley Houses, 20; Rescue Homes, 3; Coöperative Homes, 4; parish visitors, 4; Door of Hope, 1; Kingdom House, Institutional Church, hospital, home, and other institutions, 8.

The work this year ought to have been the most efficient of our records, as the organization is better equipped and more systematically arranged. The report shows that fewer of the deaconesses and city missionaries have been moved from their appointments during the past year than at any time in the past.

There has been no break in our deaconess ranks, except in the case of Miss Birdie Cate, who withdrew on account of ill health and subsequent marriage, and also the going home of Miss Mae McKenzie. In November Miss Adeline Peeples was consecrated to the office of deaconess by Bishop Fitzgerald.

Because of the efficient service and fidelity to the cause to which they have consecrated their lives, your committee recommends that you renew certificates to Miss Lee Crittenden, Miss Florence Blackwell, Miss Emma Burton, Mrs. Mary Carr, Mrs. W. G. Catlin, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Miss Daisy Duncan, Miss Maria Elliott, Miss Mary H. Frankland, Miss Helen Gibson, Mrs. Almeda Hewitt, Miss Ethel Jackson, Miss Mabel Kennedy, Miss May Lockard, Miss Frances Mann, Miss Maybelle Marshall, Miss Addie Mitchell, Miss Salina Monohan, Miss Annie Mutch, Miss Hettie Phillips, Miss Margaret Ragland, Miss

Hattye Sellars, Miss Ida Stephens, Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Miss Annie Trawick, Miss Mary Vaughn, Miss Stella Womack, Miss Mattie Wright, Miss Louise Whitman, and Miss Adeline Peeples.

On the 19th of May the following deaconesses were consecrated at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo.: Misses Nannette Hudson, Mrytle Long, Mae Shelton, Frances Scott, Willena Henry, Cora Borchers, and Zaida Royalty.

On June 6 at West End Methodist Church the following graduates of the Methodist Training School, Nashville, Tenn., were consecrated deaconesses: Misses Constance Palmore, Jennie Ducker, Grace Hemenway, Mabel Wheeler, and Rhoda Dragoo.

We recommend the following city missionaries for reappointment: Misses Josephine Guffin, Dolly Crim, Mary Madearis, Ida Adreansen, Hettie Stewart, Nannie Cunningham, Roberta Baker, Lillie Hartwell, Sue Herrick, Janette Haskin, Mrs. F. M. Knowles, Mrs. L. Meekin, Mrs. M. L. Stone, Mrs. Ida Reeves, and Miss Sarah Lowder.

Miss Fronie Webb and Miss Moizelle Elliott, on account of marriage, have withdrawn from the ranks. Miss Ella Ganow, after three years of faithful, effective service to the South, desires to return to her Northern home, and Miss Josie Leverett has withdrawn for further study and preparation. After having had a course at the Training Schools, the following city missionary applicants have been accepted, and are ready for appointment: Misses Bessie Allen, Frances Denton, Hattie Green, Dora Hoover, Minnie Martin, and Martha Norburn.

During the year twenty-one candidates have been in training at the two Training Schools of the Church on scholarships furnished by the Board. These have cost $3,959.

REPORT NO. 2.

Your committee desires to present to you as eligible for the work and office of deaconess Miss Eugenia Smith, Thurber, Tex., Miss Nell Rogers, Perry, Ga., Miss Cornelia Wicker, Coleman, Fla., and recommends their consecration during this session of the Conference.

REPORT NO. 3.

After a thorough investigation of the city mission work in Mobile, Ala., because of the importance of this work and the difficulty of the situation your committee recommends that this work be referred to the Gulf Coast Commission, and that activities in the Wesley House at this point be suspended until such time as the work may be taken up by the commission.

REPORT NO. 4.

Whereas there has been some misunderstanding as to the laws governing the support of city missions; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That the work enterprised by a City Mission Board shall receive its support from the auxiliaries within the city and its immediate suburbs. No Conference or auxiliaries outside of the city shall contribute to this work other than by supplies of furnishings, provisions, or clothing.

2. That no City Mission Board shall locate centers of work without consultation with and the approval of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work. It is not within the province of City Mission Boards to purchase church lots, church edifices, or to establish churches.

REPORT NO. 5.

1. In order that there may be a proper adjustment between the work of the City Mission Boards and that of the trained workers, your committee recommends that both City Mission Boards and all workers bear in mind that the trained women appointed by the Woman's Board of Home Missions are sent as leaders. For this reason City Boards should recognize this leadership. They should not interfere with the household management of Wesley Houses or with the plans of work of said workers. The City Boards should stand ready through their committees to coöperate in the planning and carrying out of every line of activity.

2. Your committee recommends that no scholarship raised by any Conference for the training of deaconesses and missionaries shall be conferred upon a candidate without the recommendation or approval of the Executive Committee of the Conference furnishing the scholarship.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,	MISS MABEL HOWELL,
MRS. L. P. SMITH,	MISS ESTELLE HASKIN,
MRS. J. W. PERRY,	MISS MARY HELM,
MISS MABEL HEAD,	MRS. FRANK SILER,
MISS M. L. GIBSON,	MRS. GEORGE CALL,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,	MRS. J. A. THOMAS,
MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND,	MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH.

APPOINTMENTS OF DEACONESSES AND MISSIONARIES FOR 1909-10.

Alexandria, La.: Lumber camps, Miss Minnie Martin.

Asheville, N. C.: City Mission Board, Miss Josephine Guffin.

Atlanta, Ga.: Wesley House, Miss Dollie Crim.

Augusta, Ga.: Wesley House, Miss Jennie Ducker, deaconess, and Miss Cornelia Wickers, deaconess.

Biloxi, Miss.: Gulf Coast, Miss Rhoda Dragoo, deaconess.

Birmingham, Ala.: Wesley House, Miss Hettie Phillips, deaconess.

Birmingham, Ala.: First Church, pastor's assistant, Mrs. W. G. Catlin, deaconess.

Bristol, Tenn.: Wesley House, Miss May Lockard, deaconess, and Miss Nannie Cunningham.

Chattanooga, Tenn.: Centenary Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Emma Burton, deaconess.

Chattanooga, Tenn.: Y. W. C. A., Mrs. Mary Carr, deaconess.

Columbus, Ga.: City Mission Board, Miss Mary Ogilvie.

Crossett, Ark.: Pastor's assistant, Miss Willena Henry, deaconess.

Danville, Va.: City Mission Board, Miss Annie Bass.

Dallas, Tex.: Ann Browder Mission Home and School, Mrs. Almeda Hewitt, deaconess; Miss Constance Palmore, deaconess; Miss Selina Monohan, deaconess.

Dallas, Tex.: Wesley House, Miss Grace Hemenway, deaconess; Miss Maud Landman.

Dallas, Tex.: Wesley Chapel, Mrs. Ida Reeves.

Fort Worth, Tex.: First Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Ida Stevens, deaconess.

Greensboro, N. C.: Market Street Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Nell Rogers, deaconess.

Houston, Tex.: Wesley House, Miss Mattie Wright, deaconess; Miss Lillie Hartwell.

Houston, Tex.: McKee Street Church, Miss Adeline Peeples, deaconess.

Kansas City, Mo.: Institutional Church, Miss Ethel Jackson, deaconess; Miss Lee Crittenden, deaconess; Miss Stella Womack, deaconess; Miss Mae Shelton, deaconess.

Knoxville, Tenn.: Wesley House, Miss Hettie Stewart, Miss Sue Herrick.

Lead Belt District: Miss Zaida Royalty, deaconess.

Lindale, Ga.: Massachusetts Cotton Mills, Miss Addie Mitchell, deaconess.

Los Angeles, Cal.: Homer Toberman Deaconess Home and Hospital, Miss Maria Elliott, deaconess; Miss Frances Mann, deaconess; Miss Bessie Pierson, nurse.

Louisville, Ky.: Wesley House, Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, deaconess; Miss Mary Maderis, Miss Roberta Baker.

Macon, Ga.: Door of Hope, Mrs. F. M. Knowles.

Montgomery, Ala.: Dexter Avenue Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Maybelle Marshall, deaconess.

Memphis, Tenn.: Wesley House, Miss Ida Adreansen; Miss Janette Haskin, kindergartner.

Mobile, Ala.: Cotton Mill District, City Mission Board, Miss Dora Hoover.

Nashville, Tenn.: Wesley House, Miss Bessie Allen.

Nashville, Tenn.: Warioto Mills, Miss Mabel Wheeler, deaconess.

New Orleans, La.: Mary Werlein Mission, Mrs. L. Meekin.

New Orleans, La.: Rayne Memorial Chapel, pastor's assistant, Miss Myrtie Long, deaconess; Miss Mary Frankland, deaconess.

New Orleans, La.: First Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, deaconess.

New Orleans, La.: St. Mark's Hall, Miss Margaret Ragland, deaconess; Miss Daisy Duncan, deaconess.

Portsmouth, Va.: City Mission Board, Miss Nanette Hudson, deaconess.

Pulaski, Va.: Miss Louise Whitman, deaconess (self-sustaining).

Richmond, Va.: Methodist Institute, Miss Hattye Sellars, deaconess.

Roberdel, N. C.: Roberdel Manufacturing Company, Miss Sarah Lowder.

Spartanburg, S. C.: Centenary Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Annie Mutch, deaconess.

San Antonio, Tex.: Travis Park Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Mary Vaughn, deaconess.

St. Joseph, Mo.: City Mission Board, Miss Frances Scott, deaconess.

St. Louis, Mo.: Kingdom House, Miss Helen Gibson, deaconess; Miss Frances Denton, kindergartner; Miss Cora Borchers, deaconess.

St. Louis, Mo.: Centenary Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Mabel Kennedy, deaconess.

Tampa, Fla.: Woman's Home and Hospital, Miss Elizabeth Davis, deaconess.

Tampa, Fla.: City missionary, Mrs. W. F. Alexander.

Thurber, Tex.: District Mission Board, Miss Eugenia Smith, deaconess; Miss Martha Noburn.

Waco, Tex.: Rebecca Sparks Home, Mrs. M. L. Stone.

Winston-Salem, N. C.: City Board, Miss Florence Blackwell, deaconess; Miss Annie Trawick, leave of absence at request on account of ill health.

SOCIOLOGY AND PHILANTHROPY.

Your Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy recognizes the importance of the duties intrusted to it—namely, to study the social conditions in our land and the most successful lines of social service work, reporting to you annually on the same, and to suggest subjects for local investigation and legislation. We feel that such guidance and such suggestions are needed by every Conference, and especially by every auxiliary, if they are to become the true representatives in their countries of the great principles for which this organization stands.

Last year we laid down for you the biblical teaching on the subject of remarriage of parties divorced for other than the one scriptural cause. We urged that our women use their influence in securing adequate laws in regard to desertion, child labor, and compulsory education; that they investigate the condition of the jails and almshouses, seeing that children are not kept in such institutions; and, lastly, urged that they coöperate in the campaign so widespread in this country for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis.

We hope that these suggestions have been helpful to our whole constituency and that you will find equal guidance in the additional subjects for study and investigation that we now propose. The committee would especially appreciate your hearty coöperation in this work in order that the suggestions of your committee from year to year may be especially applicable to your local needs and problems. To that end they would value it highly if you would write them from time to time about such local social problems about which you feel the need of special help and guidance.

1. The first subject we bring before you this year is that of the dreadful curse found in all parts of this country, North, South, East, and West—*traffic in girls*. It is a blight upon the womanhood of this land. Men all over the land are engaged in the traffic, and hundreds and thousands of young women, white and black, are being bought and sold to satisfy men's passions. We make this recommendation: That the women of the Woman's Home Mission Society make a study of the social evil, and especially of the traffic in girls in their own sections, and use every legal force that is available and can be made available to eliminate this terrible curse.

2. The second subject we bring before you has reference to foes in every community that are having a perverting influence upon the minds and morals of our children: the *comic supplement* to Sunday newspapers, the *theatrical billboards*, and the *moving picture shows*. There is hardly a community that does not suffer from one or all of these perverting influences. The success that some cities have had in doing away with billboards and in establishing *moving picture censorship* leads us to feel that we may accomplish equal results in some localities if we are alive to our opportunity. We make, therefore, the following recommendation:

That the auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society use their influence in educating public opinion on the subject of the perverting moral influences of comic supplements to Sunday newspapers, of theatrical billboards, and of low and immoral moving picture shows, to the end that that which is harmful in *all may be eliminated*.

3. There is still another subject about which we, your committee, would speak. We are passing through the greatest movement in temperance reform that this country has ever seen, and the South is in the forefront of the reform movement.

We would also remind you of the fact that next in influence to the

law itself stands the enforcement of law. Laws, however religious, will never be enforced unless every member of the community insists upon that enforcement. This throws upon us as women great responsibility. Therefore we make the following recommendation:

That the women of our local Home Mission Societies ally themselves actively with every force that is working for the destruction of the liquor traffic, and especially that they use all the influence they have to secure the proper enforcement of law whenever secured.

4. The fourth subject to which we would call your attention at this time is the care of dependent and delinquent children. We would remind you that it is the function of State government to care for these needy classes, and yet in many of our States the government has left them unprovided for in any adequate way. The tendency is for private and Church enterprises to do the work that belongs rightly to the State. Therefore we recommend the following:

That if there exists in any community in which the Woman's Home Miss'on Society is at work any large class of dependent or delinquent children, for whose care and protection provision should be made by the Legislature, our women shall study the need carefully and present the facts to the State Legislators, asking for appropriate action on behalf of such classes.

Miss Belle H. Bennett,
Mrs. Frank Siler,
Miss Vivian Conway,
Mrs. Luke Johnson,
Miss M. K. Howell.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

PARSONAGES.

Your committee has considered sixty-one applications for help on parsonages. The amount applied for was $11,393.

1. Your committee recommends that the following applications be denied grants on account of a lack of signatures of the proper officers: Nogales, Los Angeles Conference; Blacktower, New Mexico; Lone Wolf, Oklahoma; Hume, Southwest Missouri.

2. Your committee recommends that the following applications be denied grants on account of their failure to come within the laws governing this department: Tularosa, New Mexico; Terrel and Banner, Eldorado, Whitefield, Oklahoma Conference; Bonne Terre, St. Louis Conference; Loyal Chapel, West End, Georgetown, S. C.

4. Your committee recommends that applications from Williamson, Holston Conference, and Adel, South Georgia Conference, be referred to their respective Conference Societies.

5. We recommend grants to the following parsonages:

Conference.	*Place.*	*Amount.*
Arkansas	Valley Springs	$ 50 00
	Gassville	50 00
	Alma and Prairie Grove	100 00
	Pee Branch Mission	50 00
Baltimore	Petersburg	50 00
East Columbia	Walla Walla	300 00
Florida	Lemon City	150 00
	Wauchula	50 00
Kentucky	Jackson	100 00
Los Angeles	Tempe	200 00
	Courtland	100 00
Louisiana	Louisiana Ave. (N. O.)	500 00
	Houma (French Mis.)	500 00
Louisville	Sebree	50 00
New Mexico	Dayton and Lakewood	50 00
	Artesia	100 00
	Texico	200 00
North Carolina	Robertsonville	100 00
	Vanceboro	100 00
Oklahoma	Comanche	100 00
	Sayre	50 00
	Marietta	75 00
	Davis and Oak Ridge	100 00
	Vian Circuit	125 00
	Bouse City	100 00
	Boswell and Bennington	75 00
	Ryan	100 00
St. Louis	East Prairie	50 00
Western North Carolina	Jonesville	75 00
West Texas	Mathis	100 00
White River	Piggott	50 00
	Batesville District	200 00
	Total	$4,000 00

MRS. GEORGE CALL, *Chairman;*
MRS. B. F. LEWIS, *Secretary.*

LOANS RECOMMENDED.

Conference.	*Place.*	*Amount.*
Arkansas	Fort Smith	$ 500 00
East Columbia	Walla Walla	200 00
Florida	Wauchula	300 00
Kentucky	Jackson	200 00
Los Angeles	Tempe	200 00
Louisiana	Louisiana Ave. (N. O.)	3,000 00
Mississippi	Vicksburg District	1,900 00
New Mexico	Artesia	200 00
Northwest Texas	Kennedale	265 00
Oklahoma	St. John	1,500 00
	Marietta	200 00
	Davis and Oak Ridge	400 00
Pacific	Visalia Circuit	400 00
West Texas	Alice	700 00
	Nixon	700 00
White River	Blytheville (First Church)	800 00

EXTENSION OF WORK AND APPROPRIATIONS.

REPORT NO. 1.

Resolved: 1. That the collections from the Week of Prayer for 1910 be appropriated to Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.; and in order that a fund may be in hand with which to hasten the erection of the much needed buildings we recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized to borrow from the Florine McEachern Fund the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) with which to begin the work.

2. In view of the fact that there is pressing need for enlargement at Brevard Institute, N. C., we recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized to borrow from the Florine McEachern Fund the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000), to be used for enlargement and better equipment.

3. Since the demand for trained workers in the M. E. Church, South, has become so great, and since so large a proportion of the graduates of the Methodist Training School at Nashville are offering themselves to the Woman's Board of Home Missions for service, and feeling the necessity of keeping in vital touch with these young women during their period of training, we recommend that the Woman's Board of Home Missions appropriate a salary for the maintenance of a teacher of applied methods in the Methodist Training School, provided the Executive Committee of said Board be allowed to select the teacher.

4. That inasmuch as a sum not less than twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) is indispensable for the improvement and equipment of the Sue Bennett Memorial School at London, Ky., if we would maintain the standard of the past and enable this institution to meet any competition of the present or future, we recommend that, should the Week of Prayer Fund for 1909 not reach the requisite amount, the Executive Committee be authorized to borrow from the Florine McEachern Fund a sum sufficient to cover the deficit.

5. Since a new dormitory at Paine Annex is an imperative need if we would successfully do the work committed to us there, and since the donation of five thousand dollars ($5,000) from the General Education Board of New York toward this building is not available unless the Woman's Board of Home Missions raise for the same purpose twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) by June 1, 1910, we urge the Conference

Corresponding Secretaries to use every endeavor to complete this fund within the prescribed limit of time.

6. We urge the Superintendent of the Pacific Coast Work to make the missions under his supervision as nearly self-supporting as possible.

7. We recommend that the communication from the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions regarding school work for the Indians in Oklahoma be referred to the Committee on Education for further investigation.

8. That in view of the fact that the collections for the general work must necessarily be seriously impaired and a precedent established that could not be maintained, we find it impracticable to grant the petition from the Missouri Conference for permission to collect funds from the auxiliaries of this Conference for the purpose of helping to sustain the City Mission Board of St. Joseph.

9. We recommend that the communication from the North Alabama Conference Woman's Home Mission Society regarding the Flat Rock Mountain School be referred to the Committee on Education for further investigation.

10. Recognizing the fact that the Scarritt Bible and Training School is the property of another body, and not feeling it incumbent upon this Board to make an appropriation for the equipment of any of its departments, we recommend that the amount requisite for the equipment of a kitchen for domestic science be secured through individual subscriptions.

REPORT NO. 2.

We recommend that the Virginia Conference Woman's Home Mission Society be granted the privilege of assuming as a Conference enterprise the maintenance of the Chair of Applied Methods in the Virginia Training School for Christian Workers, with the proviso that the Conference Society have the privilege of selecting this teacher, and that the raising of the necessary funds will not interfere with the collections for our connectional work. MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman;*
MRS. P. C. ARCHER, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 3.

We recommend the following appropriations:

CUBAN WORK.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.:		
Salaries of teachers	$ 6,904 00	
Janitor and incidentals	250 00	
Repairs	450 00	
Summer School	150 00	
Emergency Fund	100 00—	$ 7,854 00
Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Fla.:		
Salaries of teachers	$ 2,100 00	
Household and incidentals	270 00	
Improvements and repairs	50 00	
School supplies and summer work	75 00—	2,495 00
West Tampa, Tampa, Fla.:		
Salaries of teachers	$ 765 00	
Insurance	20 00	
Repairs and incidentals	50 00—	835 00
Total for Cuban work		$11,184 00

MOUNTAIN WORK.

Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.:		
Current expenses	$ 4,500 00	
Outstanding indebtedness	3,000 00	
Building and improvements and Week of Prayer collections	20,000 00—	$27,500 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.:		
Current expenses	$ 3,000 00	
Purchase of lot	500 00	
To painting of building and repairs	300 00—	3,800 00
Total for mountain work		$31,300 00

PACIFIC COAST WORK.

San Francisco, Korean Mission:		
Rent of building	$ 690 00	
Salary and travel of pastor	600 00	
Housekeeper	180 00	
Night school	180 00	
Korean evangelist	500 00—	$ 2,150 00
Alameda, Mary Helm Hall (Japanese Mission):		
Salary of pastor	$ 600 00	
Night school	360 00	
Taxes and incidentals	200 00	
Teacher of English and music in kindergarten	180 00—	1,340 00
Los Angeles, Cal., Homer Toberman Deaconess Home:		
Board and salary of deaconess	$ 720 00	
Board and salary of nurse	360 00—	1,080 00
Oakland, Japanese Mission:		
Rent of building	$ 320 00	
Secretary of mission	180 00	
Night school	180 00	
Salary and travel of Superintendent	1,350 00—	2,030 00
Total for Pacific Coast		$ 6,600 00

INDUSTRIAL WORK.

Ann Browder Home and School, Dallas, Tex.:		
Salaries of teachers	$ 2,400 00	
Current expenses	2,580 00	
Insurance	300 00—	$ 5,280 00
Vashti Industrial School (Friendless Girls), Thomasville, Ga.:		
Salaries	$ 2,800 00	
Insurance	157 00	
Current expenses	3,000 00	
Debts	1,320 00	
Repairs	303 00	
Janitor and farmer	240 00—	7,820 00

Paine Annex (Negro Girls), Augusta, Ga.:		
Salaries	$ 1,320 00	
Incidentals	480 00	
Painting	300 00	—$ 2,100 00
Total for industrial work		$15,200 00

GULF COAST WORK.

Galveston, Tex.	$ 2,616 00	
New Orleans, La.	3,127 92	
Gulfport, Miss.	872 04	—$ 6,615 96

MISCELLANEOUS.

Parsonages	$ 4,000 00	
Deaconess work	2,000 00	
Department of Sociology	1,550 00	
City Missions	4,070 00	
Annuities	550 00	—$12,170 00

BOARD EXPENSES.

Printing	$ 2,500 00	
Office of President	500 00	
Salary of General Secretary	1,800 00	
Salary of Associate Secretary	900 00	
Travel and expenses of Associate Secretary	600 00	
Salary of General Treasurer	800 00	
Office expenses of General Treasurer	25 00	
Expenses of general office	1,000 00	
Clerical help	900 00	
Expenses of Supply Department	300 00	
Expenses of Board meeting	1,000 00	
Expenses of Tithing Department	242 00	—$10,567 00
Grand total		$93,636 96

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman;*
MRS. W. B. SULLINS, *Secretary.*

CONFERENCE MEMORIALS.

We, your Committee on Conference Memorials, submit the following report:

1. In view of the fact that tithing is a scriptural term and the women of the Society are just beginning to accept this standard of giving, and that any change of terms might bring confusion, we recommend non-concurrence in memorials from the Tennessee, Holston, and White River Conference Societies asking that the term "Christian Stewardship" be used in place of the word "Tithing."

2. We suggest that the General Secretary communicate with the Home Mission Society in Mexico and other foreign countries, giving help and encouragement looking to representation in the Board when the Conference can be organized.

MRS. T. A. BROWN, *Chairman;*
MRS. TOLLESON, *Secretary.*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN'S WORK.

Realizing the great importance of developing the young life of the Church, we recommend:

1. That the department in *Our Homes* now known as the Young People's and Children's Department be limited to children's work, the Young People's Societies to use the other part of the paper in which space be given for missionary mottoes and directions for making charts, posters, and other materials for use in home mission meetings.

2. That at least two programs be prepared and sent out for use with the work of the Baby Roll.

3. That we seek to have home mission work included in the missionary programs of the Sunday school.

4. That in places where Junior Leagues are already organized, wherever practicable, the Brigade work be correlated with the work of the Junior League.

5. That, in order that the foundation for financing the kingdom of God be well laid, the work of the Conference Second Vice President be carried on in the Young People's Societies and the Brigades as in the Adult Auxiliaries.

6. That the officers in the sections near the Summer Conferences make earnest effort to secure good delegations to these gatherings.

MABEL HEAD,
MABEL HOWELL,
ESTELLE HASKIN,
MRS. J. W. PERRY,
VIVIAN CONWAY,
MRS. D. N. BOURNE,
MRS. H. R. SINGLETON,
MRS. L. G. JOHNSON.

MEMORIALS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

REPORT NO. 1.

Your committee presents the accompanying memorial on the subject of granting the rights and privileges of the laity to the women of the Church.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from the Woman's Board of Home Missions in Annual Session at Savannah, Ga.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Believing that the fullness of God's time has come for the more than half million women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to have larger freedom in the ever-widening work of the Church that they may help to hasten more surely and speedily the coming of the kingdom of God, we respectfully petition that as an act of justice you will at this session of the General Conference take the needed action to secure for the women of the Church the full rights and privileges of the laity.

REPORT NO. 2.

The following changes in the Constitution of the Woman's Home Mission Society are recommended by your committee, and the General Secretary is requested to put them in memorial form to be presented by her at the next session of the General Conference:

1. That an article to be known as Article III. be inserted in the Constitution to read as follows: "Article III. This Society shall be composed of auxiliaries in every charge which shall be combined in each Annual Conference to form a Conference Society."

2. That Article III. shall become Article IV. and be so amended by the insertion of the words, "the General Superintendents of Departments and the Editor of *Our Homes*," as to read: "Article IV. This Society shall be under the supervision and direction of women, known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, an Associate Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a General Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary or alternate of each Conference Society, the General Superintendents of Departments, and the Editor of *Our Homes*. The President and General Secretary of the General Board of Missions and the President and General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall be *ex officio* members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

3. That the last sentence of Article X. be so amended as to read as follows: "Fifty per cent of the dues sent in by each Conference Society, less the amount paid out for Conference expenses, shall be held for aiding parsonages within the bounds of the same, subject to the indorsement of the proper officers of said Conferences and the order of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the Board of Church Extension. Such funds unappropriated by said Conferences at the close of each fiscal year shall be subject to the order of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and shall be used by said Board to aid the work in more needy Conferences.

MISS MARY HELM,
MRS. FRANK SILER,
MRS. N. G. ROLLINS,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

It has been a great pleasure for the Woman's Board of Home Missions to hold its twenty-third annual session in the historic city of Savannah. With grateful hearts we offer praise to God for his gentle leadings over rough paths, for his loving-kindness and tender mercy which have spared us from great suffering even in the midst of storms, for the success which has crowned every department of our work, and, above all, we thank him for the ministration of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. In behalf of this body we, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

We would express our gratitude not only to our individual hostesses, but also to the ladies of the Churches who have been hostesses to us all. From the time when we were received with cordial greeting at the train and were relieved of all the care and worry of baggage and of other arrangements we have never ceased to admire the graceful hospitality and the efficient organization of the ladies of the Savannah Churches. In behalf of the whole Board we would thank those who gave the gavel made from the Wesley Oak; but we would express even warmer appreciation of the thoughtfulness that embraced every member and gave to each a souvenir of the place where the founder of Methodism preached and of the city where the great Lord and Master of us all walked and taught through the founder of our Church. But, indeed, we do not need anything to remind us of the Savannah ladies. The dainty and delicious luncheons, the tasteful floral decorations of the church, and the delightful trip to Tybee have so charmed us that we not only would not, but could not, forget these courtesies.

To Dr. Elliott, our host and pastor of this Church, which stands as a monument to our own John Wesley, we extend thanks for sympathy and coöperation and for many efforts to make our visit here a pleasure; also to the other pastors of this city who have contributed by their presence and in various other ways to the profit of our meeting.

We consider ourselves fortunate in having with us Bishop Hendrix. We most heartily thank him for his inspiring message, which should stir us to renewed diligence and faithfulness in our great work.

We find it extremely difficult to express in words our appreciation of the Bible studies conducted by Dr. Rice. His forcible and timely expositions and his soul-stirring appeals entering into our hearts will pass on to other lives and so bear fruit in eternity.

We are deeply grateful to our own Miss Emma Tucker for the true words of life she has given us day by day. Her sweet spirit and faith-provoking exhortations will inspire us to a more devoted service.

To the members of the choir who have rendered such faithful service, and to Mrs. Matthews and Miss Lewis, who thrilled us with their music, we tender our thanks, assuring them that their hymns of praise will ever be a sweet music memory in our hearts.

Misses Carson, Morehouse, Beard, and Gammon have given efficient service as pages, and Miss Shearouse has presided at the Bureau of Information with graciousness, for which we are grateful.

We are under renewed obligations to the railroads for courtesies extended, and we wish to express our cordial thanks for the same.

We are not unmindful of the power of the press in creating sentiment and disseminating information, and we wish to express our gratitude to the newspapers of the city not only for their full and accurate accounts of the proceedings of this meeting, but also for the sympathetic and liberal spirit that has characterized these reports.

Finally, to all who have been associated with us in our work or who have contributed to our enjoyment we would say that you have most nobly carried on the traditions of Southern hospitality, of Methodist zeal, and of Christian fellowship. In parting from you we would pray that as you have so generously ministered to us, so to you may come blessings in the same measure, "pressed down, shaken together, and running over."

Mrs. H. R. Singleton,
Miss Vivian Conway,
Mrs. D. N. Bourne,
Committee.

HONORED LIST.

Honorary Life Members.

Mrs. S. A. Dryden,
Bishop W. W. Duncan,
Mrs. Amelia Downing Kendrick,
Mrs. W. W. Duncan,
Rev. Sam P. Jones,
Mrs. E. P. Chamberlain,
Mrs. Georgia Allen,
Mrs. C. N. Vaught,
Frances Marian Williams,
Miss Lizzie Stinson,
Mrs. L. M. Daly,
Mrs. John A. Carter,
Mrs. M. E. W. Aycock,
Miss Lucinda B. Helm,
Mrs. R. K. Hargrove,
Mrs. C. S. Strong,
Mrs. Fannie P. Clarke,
Mrs. H. J. Salter,
Mrs. Alice Johnson,
Mrs. M. J. Branner,
Mrs. A. A. Norris,
Miss Belle H. Bennett,
Miss Emily Allen,
Mrs. T. R. Kendall,
Mrs. W. B. Higginbothem,
Mrs. Harriet Downing,
Mrs. Viola Hunt,
Mrs. J. B. Chatfield,
Mrs. Mary A. Morton.
Mrs. A. G. Dickson,
Mrs. Hugh Chatham.

Life Members.

1895-96.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. Coke Smith, Miss M. F. Day.

1896-97.

Little Rock Conference.—Rev. C. E. Patillo, Mrs. C. E. Patillo.
New York City.—Mrs. Mattie Vincello Cox.
St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. M. A. Wolff, Mr. John Joseph Baulch.
Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. J. H. Dodd, Mrs. J. C. Morris, Mrs. Bettie McF. Yarbrough, Mrs. W. H. Cotton.

1897-98.

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. W. C. Huntington.
Florida Conference.—Mr. C. T. Carroll.
Indian Mission Conference.—Mrs. J. E. Vicks, Mrs. J. B. Hester.
Kentucky Conference.—Mrs. A. P. Darnall.
Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. D. H. McKennon, Mrs. Cadesman Pope.
Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. J. J. N. Kenney.
Louisville Conference.—Mrs. J. P. Goodson, Mrs. W. R. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Brandon, Mrs. W. W. Cooke, Mrs. J. T. Cherry, Mrs. T. C. Peters, Mrs. Ada Bishop Ramsey, Mrs. Mary Morton.
Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Warner Moore.
Missouri Conference.—Mrs. Mary Anne Stone.
North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Thomas F. Pierce, Mrs. Lillie G. King, Master Robert Battery McClure.
North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. L. M. Lipscomb.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Miss Roberta Putnam, Mrs. C. R. Wright.
Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. D. P. Rankin, Mrs. Mary Phillips, Mrs. T. C. Ragsdale, Mrs. Virginia Dandy, Mrs. Susan Tarver, Mrs. Curtis.
Virginia Conference.—Mrs. J. C. Reed.

1898-99.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. W. B. Gallaher, Mrs. Mary S. Williams.
Florida Conference.—Mrs. J. H. Perkins.
Holston Conference.—Mrs. Robert E. Humphreys, Mrs. David Sullins, Miss Mary Cass.
Kentucky Conference.—Miss Kate Petry.
Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. F. B. Rudolph, Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss.
Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Sue Allen Hurt, Mrs. G. T. Sullivan, Miss Tilly Talley, Mrs. L. B. Hotchkiss.
Missouri Conference.—Mrs. S. P. Emmons, Mrs. S. A. Newland, Mrs. Jerusha Leiper, Mrs. S. P. Cresap.
North Alabama Conference.—Mrs. D. A. Burns.
North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Georgia Allen, Mrs. C. E. Moore, Rev. C. E. Patillo.
North Texas Conference.—Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Mrs. L. P. Smith.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. W. L. Nelms, Miss Sadie Fincher.
South Georgia Conference.—Miss Anna Phillipbar.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. Lewis Powell, Mrs. A. P. McFerrin, Jr., Mrs. S. S. Booth, Mrs. Abbie Scott Vaughan, Mrs. Irene Cullom.

Total number of life members made during the year, 31. Life members were represented in thirteen Conferences. The Tennessee was the banner Conference.

1899-1900.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. W. H. Beehler, Mrs. Moses Walton, Mrs. S. C. Stringfellow.

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. M. Haggar.

Florida Conference.—Mrs. D. A. Cook.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. J. A. Duncan.

Indian Mission Conference.—Lucile Coppedge (Juvenile).

Little Rock Conference.—Miss Lizzie Wilkins, Mrs. S. H. Thompson, Rev. James Thomas.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Catherine Wilson, Mrs. William Robinson.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. J. S. Swayne.

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Rebecca Parker Gay.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. W. F. Packard.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Eva J. McClure (Juvenile), Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mrs. S. R. Belk, Mrs. S. V. Davenport, Rev. W. F. Quillian.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. S. M. Thames.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. F. H. Welsh, Mrs. J. L. Morris.

South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. H. C. Tindall, Josephus Darling (Juvenile), Helen Mathews (Juvenile), Bessie Tindall (Juvenile), Charlie Hinton (Juvenile).

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. Annie E. Jones, Miss M. E. Wardlaw, Rev. T. C. Ragsdale, Mrs. Virginia Morrison, Mrs. John Mathews, Mrs. E. B. Chappell.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Mrs. W. J. Young.

Western Virginia Conference.—Miss Mary Moore, Mrs. Mordecai Williams.

Thirty-three adult and six juvenile life members were made during the year in seventeen different Conferences, the Tennessee being the banner Conference.

1900-01.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. C. H. Buchanan.

Florida Conference.—Rev. W. M. Poage, Mrs. C. F. Carroll.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. Mattie White Hardaway.

Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. J. R. Toberman.

Louisiana Conference.—Darwin Beach Carré (Juvenile), Willis G. Wilmot (Juvenile), Mrs. Philip Werlein, Mrs. Amelia Scott.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. Dan Gilman.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Virgil Elgin.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Sue F. Mooney.

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. E. H. Munger, Mrs. Ellen D. Drake.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. R. G. Terrill, Mrs. W. F. Packard.

North Carolina Conference.—Rev. J. E. Underwood, Mildred Spier (Juvenile).

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. W. B. Higginbothem, Joe Thomas Swift Hayes (Juvenile), Mrs. Nettie Brag Allen, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. Nancy Swift, Mrs. S. V. Davenport, Faith Johnson (Juvenile).

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. Mary C. Majors, Margaret Barcus (Juvenile), Gordon Baird.

North Texas Conference.—Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. O. S. Thomas.

New Mexico Conference.—Pattie Geraldine French (Juvenile).

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. Elizabeth Avis, Mrs. J. O. Chenoweth, Mrs. Florence O. Baulch, Mrs. J. W. Wagoner, Mrs. E. G. Boyle.

South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. J. D. Humphrey.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Mrs. Charles W. Mehonay, Mrs. G. W. Scott, Mrs. M. F. Cox, Miss Maria Layng Gibson, Mrs. C. W. Scarritt.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. C. H. Benedict, Miss Edna Glasgow, Mrs. Gross Alexander Mrs. Joe Stones.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. M. N. Moorman, Mrs. T. G. Minton.

Total number life members this year, 50. North Georgia is the banner Conference for the year, having made nine life members.

Total number of life members on the roll, 167. Tennessee has the largest number, 25.

1901–02.

Alabama Conference.—Walter Berry (Juvenile).

Baltimore Conference.—Ruby Myers (Juvenile).

Florida Conference.—Mrs. W. A. Simmons.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. M. A. Jones, Mrs. Julien C. Brown, Mrs. E. M. Pipkin.

Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. J. R. Toberman.

Louisiana Conference.—David Morey Carré (Juvenile), Isabel Carré (Juvenile).

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. W. W. Hall.

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. L. S. Jones.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. Hiram Groves.

New Mexico Conference.—Mrs. C. B. Patterson.

North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. H. C. Spiers, Mrs. L. H. Cutter.

North Georgia Conference.—Rev. J. W. Snow, Emily Allen (Juvenile), Marion Andrews (Juvenile), Mrs. Frances P. Clark, Mrs. R. P. Milam, Mrs. R. L. Dorsey, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Sarah C. Parker, Mrs. J. M. Austin, Miss Lillian Borfeuillet, Mrs. Simon Peter Richardson, Mrs. Walter O. Foot, Mrs. Thomas M. Swift, Mrs. W. B. Henry.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. O. E. Thomas, Mrs. J. F. Pearce, Mrs. L. H. Potts.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Miss Martha Sullenberger, Mrs. John R. Nelson.

South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. M. V. Chance, Mrs. A. L. Lawson, Mrs. James F. Evans, Miss Annie Heath.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Miss Louise Whitman.

St. Louis Conference.—Dr. Cunningham, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Joseph G. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Lee, Mrs. J. A. Young, Rev. W. P. Shoemaker.

Tennessee Conference.—McTyeire Tigert (Juvenile), Mrs. W. M. Leftwich, Mrs. Thomas Parks, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. H. E. Wall.

White River Conference.—Mrs. A. G. Dickson, Rev. J. W. Smith, Mrs. R. N. Holloway, Mrs. Richard Jackson.

Total number of life members this year, 54; total number of life members on the roll, 221.

1902–03.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. J. B. Perrie, Mrs. John May.

East Texas Conference.—Miss Jennie Tapp.

Florida Conference.—Miss Bessie Turnbull.

Kentucky Conference.—Mrs. J. R. Deering.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. Clara Cooper, Mrs. B. R. Donelson, Mrs. R. A. Locke.

Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. J. B. Hill.

Louisiana Conference.—Hyder K. Davidson.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. B. M. Messick, Mrs. A. A. Norris, Miss Mattie Messick, Mrs. J. G. Clifford, Miss Effie L. Yost, Mrs. J. A. Carley, Mrs. S. T. Breeding.

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. L. A. Smith, Mrs. R. L. Barnett, Mrs. R. A. Drummond.

North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. R. R. Hill, Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins, Mrs. Kate P. Black, Mrs. S. H. Scott.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. James Jackson, Mary Amanda Strong (child), Mary Hall Raine (child), Mrs. Ford McRee, Miss Mary Roebuck, Mrs. Lindsey Arrington, Mrs. Emily Welsh, Mrs. J. W. Pope, Mrs. W. A. Gregg, Mrs. Sarah Shaw, Mrs. E. T. McGhee, Mrs. George Hood, Mrs. M. A. Bonnell, Mrs. James G. Lester, Mrs. James B. Morgan, Rev. J. L. Jenkins, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. M. J. McKenzie.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. I. A. Patton.

South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. L. B. Bouchelle, Mrs. M. C. Hook.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, Mrs. J. S. Chick.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. Martha E. Wageley, Mrs. Sarah Botfield, Mrs. B. A. Hickman, Miss Jennie Lou Finney.

Tennessee Conferenee.—Mrs. J. L. Keeling, Mrs. D. A. Mitchell, Miss Daisy Parkes, Mrs. Ella Winston Finch, Cynthia Wood Smythe (child), Mrs. Sue Malone Cain, Mrs. Ella McKennie, Mrs. Mary DuPre, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. Mary Stubblefield, Mrs. Haiden A. Dodd, Mrs. M. C. Shearon, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. Lou Sherrill.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. J. P. Williamson, Mrs. J. B. Winfree, Mrs. J. T. Mastin.
Western North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. S. E. Bass, Mrs. M. J. Branner.
White River Conference.—Mrs. S. H. Babcock.

1903-04.

Alabama Conference.—Mrs. J. H. Rice, Mrs. Henry Moore, Mrs. J. J. Flowers, Miss Sue Godwin, Claude Adams (child), Mrs. J. B. Cummings.
Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. W. J. H. Robinson, Mrs. J. T. Williams, Miss Alice Stanton, Miss Lou Mytenger, Jr.
East Texas Conference.—Mrs. George Call.
Holston Conference.—Rev. John P. Dickey, Mrs. W. H. Ford.
Indian Mission Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Stone, Mrs. A. J. Worley, Mrs. P. B. Satterfield.
Kentucky Conference.—Miss Mary Ralston, Miss May Clark, Mrs. U. G. Foote.
Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. D. J. Whitfield, Miss Ella Thomas, Mrs. W. R. Harrison, Mrs. Nellie Parkhurst, Mrs. Nannie Brinkley, Mrs. Horace Jewel, Mrs. Sam McMath.
Louisville Conference.—Mrs. H. M. Morrison, Mrs. Robert Todd, Mrs. R. S. Hughes, Miss Dellie Downing, Miss Ada Lewis, Mrs. C. H. Jenkin, Mrs. Walter Mathews, Mrs. John W. Brown, Mrs. Clara Johnson, Mrs. Foster Baird, Miss Loraine Norris, Mrs. N. B. Cooke, Mrs. H. A. Moore, Mrs. W. A. Grady, Mrs. Lucy A. Cooper, Mrs. C. S. Jarrett.
Louisiana Conference.—Mrs. Mary E. Carr, Chester Morley Carré, Hutson Carré.
Memphis Conference.—Mrs. J. T. Jones.
Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Sophia Weems, Mrs. R. A. Drummond.
Missouri Conference.—Miss Bina Boulware, Mrs. H. E. Stout.
New Mexico Conference.—Mrs. Ada Cruickshank.
North Carolina Conference.—Mary Exum Rose (child), Mrs. G. V. Richardson, Mrs. I. M. Proctor, Mrs. J. E. Underwood, Miss Narcissa Hutchens.
North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Lee Trammell, Mrs. Robert Fowler, Mrs. D. B. Freeman, Mrs. G. R. Bickers, Mrs. S. R. Fortson, Mrs. George Loehr, Sr., Mrs. Minnie Simmons, Mrs. Mary Bass.
North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. T. J. Binford, Mrs. L. C. Short.
North Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Hill, Dr. G. W. Bedford, Mrs. Nannie Britton, Mrs. R. W. Knickerbocker, Mrs. Ira O. Wyse.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. Fred Flemming, Mrs. Julia Moores.
St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. James E. Abel, Mrs. W. D. Barnes, Mrs. G. F. Williams, Mrs. Zoe E. Farley, Mrs. Mary A. Andrews, Miss Sa Lee Kennard.
South Carolina Conference.—Mrs. W. L. Wait.
Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngham, Mrs. Volney James, William Scott Vaughn (child), Eloise Reid (child), Mrs. C. A. Locke, Mrs. William Green, Mrs. Lizzie West, Mrs. Bettie House Clay, Mrs. Mary E. Dandridge, Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. Lizzie Murry Williams, Mary Laura Benson (child), Mrs. L. T. Claiborne, Mrs. John M. Hudson, Mrs. Tom W. Carpenter, Mrs. J. J. Watkins, Mrs. Mattie G. Gear, Thomas Leonard Parks (child).
Texas Conference.—Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Mrs. W. T. Cherry, Rev. R. A. Morris, Mrs. J. S. Giddings, Mrs. Mattie B. Pipkin, Mrs. L. R. Hare, Annie May Downs (child).
Virginia Conference.—Mrs. W. D. Ballington Bye, Mrs. W. C. Vaden, Mrs. J. C. Norsworthy, Mrs. A. O. Leigh, Mrs. J. H. Hall.
Western North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. F. E. Ross.
Western Virginia Conference.—Mrs. H. F. Pfost.
White River Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Fletcher, Mrs. J. S. Parsons, Miss Othelia May Bennett, Mrs. M. E. Umstadt, Mrs. J. W. Webster, Mrs. W. W. Bundy.

1904-05.

Baltimore Conference.—**Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Mrs. D. H. Hearn.**
Columbia Conference.—**Miss Elsie Burkhart.**
Holston Conference.—Mrs. A. N. Jackson, Mrs. M. A. Ault, Mrs. E. A. Gibson.
Little Rock Conference.—**Mrs. Lizzie Mills, Mrs. Mary Linsey.**
Louisiana Conference.—**Mrs. L. B. Baynard.**
Louisville Conference.—**Mrs. William H. Johnson, Rev. J. B. Adams.**
Missouri Conference.—**Mrs. M. S. Palmer.**

North Alabama Conference.—Rev. Anson West, D.D., Rev. T. G. Slaughter, Rev. V. O. Hawkins, Rev. J. W. Newman.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. W. R. Robinson.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. C. B. Vance, Mrs. Liola Fulmer.

South Georgia Conference.—Lee Minor Paul (child), Frank Hook Paul (child).

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. W. F. Lemmon.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. Luticia Williams, Mrs. S. B. Heslep, Mrs. Emma Elbert, Mrs. Sophronia Bishop, Mrs. Nancy Ann Chambers, Mrs. Caroline M. O'Tallon, Rev. M. T. Haw.

Tennessee Conference.—Street Coleman (child), Mrs. Delia B. Covington.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. J. B. Martin.

Western Virginia Conference.—Lucy C. Thomas (child), Irene Nemberger (child).

West Texas Conference.—Mrs. T. F. Sessions.

White River Conference.—Mrs. Mary A. Neill, Mrs. J. L. Armstrong, Mrs. Virginia Fields.

1905-06.

Alabama Conference.—Mrs. M. H. Holt.

Denver Conference.—Mrs. Susan Thomas.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. J. H. Lotspeich, Mrs. W. B. Sullins.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. E. P. Ryland, Mrs. Fannie Kerns, Mrs. M. W. Hughes.

Louisiana Conference.—Walter Wingate Carré, Jr. (child), Lula Carré (child), Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. Florence E. Russ.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. John L. Wheat, Mrs. E. W. Burdette, Mrs. Sallie Deering, Mrs. A. A. Norris.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. Mollie Luper Mumpower.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Cynthia Bryson, Mrs. B. D. Lester, Mrs. R. B. Morris, Florence Weltner Lester (child), Mrs. Mattie E. Jackson.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. Bettie Cheely, Mrs. W. D. Davis, Mrs. Rebecca Z. Swink, Mrs. Annie Kirk Goolsby.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. E. S. Graham, Mrs. E. V. Cox, Mrs. J. L. Duff.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. E. S. Shirley, Mrs. Hortense Glover, Mrs. J. H. Winenon.

South Carolina Conference.—Mrs. W. L. Wait.

Texas Conference.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hill.

West Texas Conference.—Mrs. B. M. Hines.

White River Conference.—Mrs. E. H. Monnier, Mrs. M. E. Dickson, Mrs. Helen Meniken.

1906-07.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. M. S. Tucker, Mrs. William Scott, Miss Jessie Hough, Mrs. E. M. Walton.

Florida Conference.—Mrs. J. B. Ley.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. J. T. Bowser.

Kentucky Conference.—Miss Sarah Hughes, Mrs. Susan Jennings Hart.

Little Rock Conference.—Miss Lizzie Stinson, Francis Marian Williams, Mrs. Rosa Smith.

Louisiana Conference.—Mrs. J. H. Carter, Rev. J. R. Moore, Mrs. F. A. Lyon.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. J. M. Stone, Mrs. Sue G. Neale, Miss Nora Beard.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hayley.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. J. D. Bowling.

New Mexico Conference.—Mrs. Lavinia Gilliland.

North Georgia Conference.—Christine McEachern (child), John Newton McEachern (child).

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. Mollie McGaughey, Mrs. William Warden.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. C. D. West, Mrs. J. H. Tinker, Arthur Tinker (child), John Tinker (child), Mrs. Flora N. Hey.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. G. F. Sprake, Mrs. M. E. Lane, Mrs. J. B. Legg, Mrs. J. H. Crabtree.

South Carolina Conference.—Mrs. C. D. Stanley, Mrs. W. R. White.

South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Rebecca Hines, Mrs. James C. Hinton.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. Joseph West.

Texas Conference.—Mrs. Alex Waldert.

West Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Moore.

Western North Carolina Conference.—Irene Brevard Moore (child), Bettie Houston Moore (child), Estelle May Jordan (child), Susie Barnard (child). Theodore Rowe (child).

White River Conference.—Mrs. H. G. Dickson.

1907-08.

Alabama Conference.—Mrs. T. D. Power, Mrs. R. E. Hardaway.

Arkansas Conference.—Mrs. Stella Tolleson, Francis Jennings Tolleson (child).

Baltimore Conference.—Rev. H. M. Canter, Mrs. H. M. Canter.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. M. J. Bruce.

Kentucky Conference.—Miss Mabel Head, Miss Kate Petry, Mrs. Clara Pointer.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. S. B. Proctor, Mrs. Virginia C. George.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Emma Cooper, Mrs. George Gaulbert, Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith.

North Alabama Conference.—Mrs. Emily Williams Hayes.

North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. Elizabeth Lee Hart, Mrs. C. C. Aycock.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. J. H. McCord, Mrs. Fletcher Johnson.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. T. P. Johnson.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. F. Metcalf, Mrs. A. L. Andrews, Mrs. Emma C. Blankinship, Mrs. B. M. Bounds.

Oklahoma Conference.—John William Ray, Miriam Eleanor Campbell, John Sims Linebaugh.

South Carolina Conference.—Leonard Phillips Stanley (child), Mrs. W. A. Smith.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. J. L. Parkes, John Bateman McClure.

Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. T. Dumble, Mrs. Andy Murray, Mrs. J. C. Davis. Walter Hillis Mills (child).

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. Clara Bagley.

West Texas Conference.—Mrs. Theophilus Lee.

Western North Carolina Conference.—Theodore Rowe, Mrs. T. F. Marr, Mrs. C. F. Sherrill, Mrs. Nancy E. Hood.

White River Conference.—Mrs. I. A. Barnett, Mrs. Frank Ritter.

1908-09.

Arkansas Conference.—Mrs. J. B. Crump.

Baltimore Conference.—Rev. P. W. Jeffries.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. J. R. Brown, Mrs. Luella Lower, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. W. C. Watson, Mrs. Virginia George, Mrs. C. H. Hudson, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. A. P. Few.

Louisiana Conference—Elizabeth Rice (child), Ruth Dodson (child), Joshua Lockwood Logan (child), Mrs. R. H. Wynn, Rev. George Jackson.

Louisville Conference.—Dr. R. E. Beauchamp, Mrs. Lucinda Jane Campbell, Rev. S. M. Miller, Mrs. J. L. Malin, Mildred Cresap (child).

Memphis Conference.—Clinton Witherspoon Barlow (child).
North Alabama Conference.—Miss Annie Dee Rogers.
North Carolina Conference.—Harry Smith Spiers (child).
North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. C. P. Howard, Mrs. C. F. Hope, Mrs. E. P. Hull, Mrs. B. F. Frazier.
North Mississippi Conference—Mrs. W. C. Gann, Mrs. W. L. Duren.
North Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. G. Frey, Mrs. R. L. Rountree.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. N. A. Price, Mrs. C. L. Cartwright, Mrs. C. C. Armstrong, Mrs. John S. Gray, Mrs. Joella Sealey, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. A. J. Hunter, Mrs. R. E. Goodrich, Mrs. Fannie Hart, Mrs. H. C. Carson.
Oklahoma Conference.—Mrs. Thomas H. Gilliland.
Pacific Conference.—Mrs. M. A. McKnight.
South Carolina Conference.—Mrs. W. A. Rogers.
South Georgia Conference.—Emily Lumpkin Thomas (child).
St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. Mary V. Johnson.
Texas Conference.—Mrs. Sue Hurley, Mrs. J. Walter Mills, Walter Hillis Mills (child).
Virginia Conference.—Mrs. W. G. Venable.
West Texas Conference.—Mrs. M. E. Gerhard.
White River Conference.—Mrs. Duncan Johnson.
Total life members, 603.

MEMORIAL ROLL, 1907-08.

Louisville Conference.—Mr. George Gaulbert, Mrs. Ellen Burdette.
North Georgia Conference.—Lucy Keen Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Stafford, Mrs. Mary Bonnell.
South Georgia Conference.—Thomas William Darley.

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. The name of the corporation shall be "The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and it may have succession and continue to be a corporation for fifty years from the approval of this charter.

ART. II. It is created for the purpose of uniting the efforts of Christian women and children in procuring and maintaining homes or parsonages for the use of the itinerant preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for establishing and maintaining schools, missions, hospitals, homes for the friendless, and other like charities and agencies for the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the elevation of mankind.

ART. III. The Society shall be under the supervision and control of a Board of Managers to be known as "The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," in which Board shall be vested the corporate powers herein conferred. It shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a General Treasurer, and such representatives from the subordinate Conference or local branches of the Society as the by-laws may provide, all of whom shall be women and any of whom may be married women. Said officers and managers shall be chosen at such times and places, in such manner, perform such duties, and hold office for such terms, as the by-laws may prescribe. In addition to said Board, there shall be, subject to its control, such subordinate Conference and local Societies as the Board may authorize by its by-laws.

ART. IV. The Society shall have authority to raise money for its purposes in any lawful way, and may raise and administer a permanent loan and endowment fund, which shall be safely invested or loaned, and only the income therefrom may be expended in carrying forward the work of the Society. It shall also be lawful for said Society to accept contributions to its funds subject to life annuities, which the Society may contract to pay; and the loan and endowment funds of the Society shall be held in trust to secure the payment of such annuities.

ART. V. The corporation shall have the powers enumerated in, and conferred by, Section 856 of the Annotated Code of Mississippi of 1892. It shall have the right to acquire by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, and hold, sell, convey, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of every kind of property, real, personal, or mixed, provided it shall not hold real and personal estate exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in value.

ART. VI. The Society shall have the right, through its Board of Managers, to make all necessary by-laws for the government of said Board and of the subordinate Conferences and local societies. The persons herein

named as incorporators having made known the fact that they have already met and organized by adopting by-laws and electing officers and managers, therefore upon the approval of this charter, said organization so effected and by-laws so adopted shall become and continue as the organization and by-laws of this corporation, in so far as the by-laws are consistent herewith, to the same purpose and effect, but no further, as though formed and adopted at a meeting after the approval of this charter. The Society shall be subject to the provisions of the Book of Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to the control of the General Conference of said Church, and no by-laws contrary to the laws of said Church shall be valid.

ART. VII. The meetings of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the transaction of corporate business may be held anywhere in the United States. It shall prescribe by its by-laws what number of its officers and managers shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

ART. VIII. The names of the incorporators, who shall constitute the officers and managers of the Board until their successors shall have been elected, are as follows: Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Kentucky, President; Mrs. J. D. Hammond, of Tennessee, First Vice President; Mrs. F. B. Carroll, of Texas, Second Vice President; Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, of Tennessee, General Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, of Tennessee, General Treasurer; Miss Emily Allen, of Georgia, Recording Secretary; and the following representatives of the several Conference Societies, to wit: Mrs. C. H. Cope and Mrs. Robert Somerville, of Mississippi; Mrs. C. L. Chilton and Mrs. J. H. Reville, of Alabama; Miss Gertrude Durey, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, and Mrs. S. H. Babcock, of Arkansas; Mrs. C. H. Buchanan and Mrs. M. N. Moorman, of Virginia; Mrs. Fannie McGhee, of Oregon; Mrs. J. H. Ledbetter, of Colorado; Miss Margaret E. Winnefred, of Washington; Mrs. George Call, Mrs. Bertha Mueller, Mrs. H. A. Evans, Mrs. F. N. Hey, Mrs. T. L. Lallance, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, and Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, of Texas; Mrs. E. K. Griffith, of Florida; Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. Ross Witherspoon, and Mrs. James Atkins, of Tennessee; Mrs. Anna S. Dunlap, of Illinois; Mrs. C. M. Coppedge, of Indian Territory; Miss Kate Petry, Mrs. L. M. Clark, and Mrs. Mordecai Williams, of Kentucky; Mrs. L. L. Clayton and Mrs. Mary B. Williams, of California; Mrs. F. E. Russ, of Louisiana; Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, and Mrs. F. H. Ottofy, of Missouri; Mrs. S. B. Tabor, of Montana; Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins and Mrs. T. F. Marr, of North Carolina; Mrs. F. P. Clark and Mrs. Washington Dessau, of Georgia; Mrs. W. L. Waite, of South Carolina; and Mrs F. White, of Kansas.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, MISCELLANY.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to enlist and organize Christian women and children in securing homes for itinerant preachers, in providing religious instruction for the neglected and destitute, and in otherwise aiding the cause of Christ.

ART. III. This society shall be under the supervision and direction of women, known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, an Associate Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a General Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretry, or alternate, of each Conference Society. The President and General Secretary of the General Board of Missions and the President and General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall be ex-officio members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

ART. IV. The general officers of said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the Board at the session next succeeding each General Conference. The Corresponding Secretaries and their alternates shall be elected by the Conference Societies as their laws may provide. Superintendents of departments shall be elected annually by the Board, which shall also define their duties.

ART. V. The funds of the Society shall be derived from membership dues, special contributions at meetings appointed in the interest of the society, mite boxes, donations, devises, bequests, or by other means approved by the Board; and the creation of Loan Funds.

ART. VI. The Board shall have authority to raise and administer two Loan Funds, one for parsonage building, and another for Home Mission work. These shall be held separate from the funds raised for general distribution, and shall be used only in loans on adequate security, to be determined by the Board of Church Extension. The administration of the Loan Fund for parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension.

ART. VII. It shall be lawful for said Board to accept contributions to its funds from any persons capable of making the same, subject to annuities, payable to the order of person or persons making such donations; but all amounts so received shall be loaned by said Board, on adequate security or securities, and the aggregate amount of annuities that the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed one-half of the annual interest received on the loans made by said Board.

ART. VIII. The funds appropriated by this Board to parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension, and shall be administered by the same.

ART. IX. All property (whether real, personal, or otherwise) shall be held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Mississippi.

ART. X. All dues, special contributions, and other moneys collected by or for the use of the general work of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall be sent to the General Treasurer to be expended by the direction of the Board. Fifty per cent of the dues sent in by each Conference Society, less the amount paid out for Conference expenses, shall be held subject to the order of the proper officers of said Conference, for aiding parsonages within the bounds of the same, but any such funds unappropriated by said Conference at the close of each fiscal year shall be subject to the order of the General Board, and shall be used by said Board to aid the work in more needy Conferences.

ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually, to review and forecast the work, examine reports, estimate resources, appropriate receipts, project work for the year, decide the fields to be occupied and the provisions for each, select the missionaries, the teachers, and other agents to be employed for executing each part of the work, and devise the ways and means for accomplishing the same. It shall have power to make by-laws for the Society, and to provide constitution and by-laws for the Conference and auxiliary societies.

ART. XII. Fifteen members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business at an annual meeting, and five members at a monthly or called meeting.

ART. XIII. The duty of the General Secretary shall be to correspond with missionaries and teachers and other employees of the Society, and with the Conference Secretaries; to furnish Conference Societies with all the needful information; also to secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly and annual reports to the Boards and acquaint herself with the condition, needs, and opportunities of the mission fields, and publish the same for the information of the membership. She shall sign all orders on the General Treasurer, and attend to the legal business of the Society. She shall report annually such details as should be incorporated in the reports of the Board of Church Extension, of Missions, and of Education.

ART. XIV. The General Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the General Secretary, pay such bills as the Board may approve, and make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Board may direct. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by one or more competent persons selected for that purpose.

ART. XV. When a vacancy among the general officers or superintendents of departments shall occur in the interim of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XVI. The office of deaconess is hereby created in connection with the Woman's Home Mission Society. The Woman's Home Mis-

sion Board shall prescribe a course of training for candidates for deaconess work, and shall pass upon the applications of those persons recommended by Quarterly Conference for appointment to a training school, and shall have power to reject a candidate at any time, during or at the end of a course of training, if she be found unsuited to the work. The Board, or the Executive Committee thereof, shall, upon application, recommend deaconesses to mission boards, preachers in charge, societies, or other Church agencies wishing to employ them. When a deaconess is thus employed, she shall make reports to the Quarterly Conference of the charge in which she labors, and be, so far as is practicable, under the direction of the preacher in charge. When removing from the bounds of one pastoral charge to another, she shall carry a certificate of official standing. She shall also make annual reports to the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Her certificate must be renewed annually.

ART. XVII. A candidate for deaconess work must be at least twenty-three years of age, a single woman or a widow. She must be a member of the M. E. Church, South, in good standing, and must have shown a fitness for this work by active service in some line of Christian work. She must have a good English education, and a certificate of good health from a reputable physician. Her application for admission to the Training School must be indorsed by the Quarterly Conference and the preacher in charge of the Church of which she is a member. She must pass a satisfactory examination before the proper committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, both as to her educational and religious qualifications, before she can be placed in the Training School. She must give two years of probationary service and study the course prescribed by the Board, after which she must have the recommendation of the superintendent of the school. In exceptional cases, when other requirements are met and the course in the Training School is not deemed necessary, she may be nominated by the preacher in charge, and elected to the office of deaconess by the Quarterly Conference, without attending the training school. The duties of the deaconess are to minister to the poor, care for the sick, provide for the orphan, comfort the sorrowing, seek the wandering and sinful, and do any religious or teaching work to which she may be assigned by the preacher in charge employing her in the home or foreign field, and, relinquishing all other pursuits, devote herself to these or other forms of Christian work to which she may be found adapted. No vows shall be required of any deaconess; nevertheless it is expected that those who seek admission to the Training School, or who apply for a certificate from the Quarterly Conference, will have considered carefully the steps they are taking, and, feeling themselves called of God to do this work, will enter upon it with the purpose of devoting themselves wholly to it. A deaconess shall, however, be at liberty to retire from the

work after three months' notice to the Woman's Home Mission Board, and will be subject to a revoking of her certificate and dismissal if found unsuited to the work. While engaged in active service she shall be entitled to such support as the Woman's Home Mission Board shall stipulate; and if, after a long term of service, she shall be disqualified by sickness or old age, she shall be cared for in a deaconess home hereinafter provided for. A deaconess not employed by any of the above Church agencies shall be under the direct control of the Woman's Home Mission Board. A report of the work of each deaconess, with a certificate of character and standing, shall be sent annually to the Woman's Home Mission Board by the agency employing her, together with her personal report.

ART. XVIII. *Deaconess Institutions.*—The Woman's Home Mission Board is authorized to provide a home where unemployed deaconesses may temporarily reside and be instructed, and where the aged or sick may be permanently cared for, and such other institutions as will not be in conflict with other provisions of Section IV., Chapter XI., of the Discipline of 1898.

BY-LAWS TO GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and actively endeavor to advance the interests of the Society. She shall countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents in their order shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence, and such other duties as may be assigned them in the Board. The Second Vice President shall be also the Superintendent of the Department of Tithing.

3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the annual meetings of the Board, and shall keep the minutes of all meetings.

4. The General Treasurer shall send notice to the Conference Treasurer whenever money is sent to the Board of Church Extension from the fifty per cent dues of that Conference society.

5. Money raised through the Brigade shall be separately reported to the Board and be specifically directed by it each year.

6. Special donations must be appropriated as the donors direct. Donations made for connectional work must be sent through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer.

7. The traveling expenses of the general officers to and from all the meetings of the Board and of the superintendents of departments and editors to and from the annual meetings of the Board shall be paid from the general treasury.

8. Whenever the interests of the work demand it, the President or the General Secretary may call a meeting of the Board to provide for emergencies in the interim of the Annual Meeting.

9. No new work shall be undertaken until it has been presented to the

Board at its Annual Meeting, and been accepted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

10. The connectional work shall be divided into two classes, A and B. Class A shall include the institutions deeded to the Board and under its full control. Class B shall include those local enterprises which are accepted by the General Board and become connected with it by passing their funds through the hands of the General Treasurer.

11. No principal of any institution shall buy land, contract for a building, purchase furniture, or otherwise incur indebtedness without a written order from the Superintendent, and no Superintendent shall assume a debt for her department except at a personal liability.

12. The Board shall from time to time, as may be necessary, create special departments of work and appoint superintendents to take charge of the same.

13. The President and the General Secretary, after consulting with the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the Annual Meeting of the Board is to be held, shall fix the date of the meeting, prepare the programme, and make necessary arrangements therefor. If for any cause it should become necessary to change the place of the meeting, it may be done by the officers of the Board.

14. During the annual meetings of the Board a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

15. Sixty-five years shall be the age limit of those holding official positions in the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

16. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting.

BY-LAWS TO ARTICLES XVII. AND XVIII. OF CONSTITUTION.

GOVERNING DEACONESSES.

1. When the deaconess shall have finished her probationary course of training, the Committee on Deaconess Work shall present her to the Woman's Board of Home Missions in annual session for final acceptance and consecration. She shall then receive a certificate, duly signed by the President and General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. This certificate shall be her credentials as a regularly authorized deaconess of the M. E. Church, South, and must be annually renewed. If she should retire or be found unsuited to the work, her certificate must be surrendered to the Committee on Deaconess Work, and she thereby ceases to be a deaconess. When the Committee on Deaconess Work deems it advisable to have one or more deaconesses consecrated in the interim of the annual meetings, it shall arrange for the time and place for that service.

2. Any one receiving training at the cost of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall refund the money if she voluntarily retires

from its employ before the expiration of four years. The amount expended shall be repaid in full in case the deaconess leave the work without the consent of the Board before she shall have completed her term of service—viz., two years for each paid for by the Board. No fractional part of a year's work will be received in lieu of service.

3. No one shall be recognized as a deaconess of the M. E. Church, South, who does not comply with the disciplinary requirements and does not hold a certificate from the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

4. When the preacher in charge and the Quarterly Conference present a candidate that they deem an exception to the general rule requiring a course in a training school, the Committee on Deaconess Work shall examine the candidate, and if satisfied that all the requirements are met, shall refer her back to the Quarterly Conference for election, and she shall be consecrated at the next annual meeting of the W. B. M., or at such time and place as the Committee of Control shall direct, and shall be granted by that Board a certificate as a regular deaconess, subject to the rules governing the same.

5. No salaries shall be paid, the work of the deaconess being done for the love of Christ and in his name. Deaconesses shall receive an allowance of fifteen dollars a month, with board, traveling expenses, and car fare; but any who so desire may pay their own board and expenses, either wholly or in part. Deaconesses shall be allowed one month's vacation annually, during which time the allowance shall be continued.

6. No promise of life support, when disqualified by sickness or old age, shall be made to those who enter upon the work after the age of forty years, or to those who shall have given less than ten years of efficient, consecutive service as deaconess, the ten years not to include the two years of training. No candidate over fifty years of age will be recommended for consecration.

7. The appointment of a deaconess shall extend from the session at which she receives her appointment to the next session of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and she shall hold herself legally and morally bound for twelve months' service unless her health should fail or for other good and sufficient reasons she should be released by the Deaconess Committee of Control.

8. When a deaconess withdraws from the active work in response to family or other calls that she regards as providential, she may have her certificate renewed and wear the uniform for one year, but not longer. If, after continuing out of the work for several years, she desires to return to it, she can do so without reconsecration, but must furnish satisfactory testimonials of her life during the interim and of her health at the time when she applies for readmission.

9. When the deaconess is on duty, a simple uniform shall be worn, consisting of a black dress, a black bonnet, with white ties and white turn-over collar and cuffs. Plain white waists may be worn in warm weather

10. Wherever there are two or more deaconesses at work in the same city, if practicable, they shall live in a deaconess home, said home to be under the control of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

11. No institutions shall be recognized as deaconess homes of the M. E. Church, South, except those that are authorized by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. All such property shall be held in the name of the Society.

12. Pastors, Mission Boards, or other agencies employing deaconesses shall obligate themselves to provide for their maintenance as specified in By-Law 7. When deaconesses are employed by foreign mission boards, said boards may, at their discretion, increase the allowance. When a deaconess thus employed resides in a deaconess home, the money necessary for her maintenance must be paid to the home, from which she will receive the same as others. When there is no deaconess home in the place where she is employed, the money shall be paid directly to her.

13. The nurse deaconess shall receive the same care and allowance as others. When employed in nursing persons able to pay for her services, the money must be paid to the deaconess home or hospital with which she is connected. If not connected with such institutions, the money shall be sent by her to the general treasury and held subject to the needs of the deaconess work.

14. All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee on Deaconess Work.

15. One day of the week shall be a day of rest for the deaconess, and time shall also be given for the reading and study so necessary to keep her work at the highest point of efficiency.

16. Cities and towns in which deaconess homes are located shall maintain the home by private subscriptions and donations or public collections, and shall do all that is possible to awaken interest in the home and the workers. All moneys expended for the maintenance of these homes shall be reported by voucher through the regular channel. The deaconesses of a home may elect annually one of their number as a delegate to the meetings of the Woman's Home Mission Society in the district and Conference in which it is located.

17. The rules for self-government of all the deaconess homes must be submitted to the Committee on Deaconess Work and receive its approval before they go into effect. The rules of the several homes shall be, as nearly as possible, uniform.

18. The superintendents of deaconess homes shall report the names and work of the deaconesses in their charge to the Committee on Deaconess Work quarterly (1st of June, September, December, and March), with an itemized statement of all moneys received and expended, and shall also make an annual report at the close of the fiscal year. They shall, when deemed advisable by the Committee on Deaconess Work, attend the Annual and District Conferences where the homes are located, to secure the interest and coöperation of the brethren.

19. The Committee on Deaconess Work shall, at the annual sessions of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, make a full report of the deaconess work, which, after acceptance, shall be incorporated in the printed minutes of the Board.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FOR BUSINESS SESSIONS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

1. Roll call.
2. Report of General Treasurer.
3. Report of General Secretary.
4. Reports of Superintendents.
5. Announcement of committees for Annual Meeting.
6. Presentation of papers to be referred to committees.

FOR REGULAR DAILY SESSIONS.

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

RULES OF ORDER.

(*a*) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.

(*b*) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

(*c*) Ladies shall rise when addressing the Chair.

(*d*) No member shall leave the room without permission of the Chair.

(*e*) All reports of committees and such other papers as are to be incorporated in the minutes of the annual session shall be carefully copied as last read and approved by the body before being placed in the hands of the Secretary.

(*f*) A Parliamentary Calendar shall be used in the transaction of business at the Annual Meetings of the Board.

(*g*) At Annual Meetings a timekeeper shall be appointed, who shall give prompt signal when each time limit is reached.

(*h*) Courtesies shall be limited to the fifteen minutes preceding the noon hour.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees shall be as follows:

A Committee on Education.

A Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.

A Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy.

A Committee on By-Laws.

An Auditing Committee.

1. Standing Committees shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the Annual Meetings of the Board, with *ex officio* members as hereinafter provided.

2. In case of vacancies occurring *ad interim* the remaining members of the committee shall conduct the work until the regular Annual Meeting of the Board.

3. A majority of each committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary.

COMMITTEES FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

The following committee shall be appointed by the President of the Board at the opening business session of Annual Meetings, and shall be discharged upon the completion of their work previous to the adjournment of the Board.

Unless otherwise provided, the number of members in these committees shall be left to the discretion of the President.

Reports of these committees must be presented in writing, and copies of the same must be placed in the hands of the Recording Secretary before the final adjournment of the Board.

PLATFORM COURTESIES.

This committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to make known to the President all persons who should be introduced to the Board.

RESOLUTIONS.

This committee shall submit for action of the Board the formal resolutions usually adopted by such bodies.

MEMORIALS.

To this committee shall be referred all memorials of whatever character that come to the Board.

PARSONAGES.

To this committee shall be referred all applications for donations and loans to parsonages.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSION OF WORK.

All questions of finance shall be referred to this committee, including estimates from standing committees. The committee shall report for the decision of the Board the amounts to be appropriated for all the different objects comprising the work of the Board, all amounts of salaries or office expenses, and all other questions involving expenditure of money. The Treasurer of the Board shall be a member of this committee *ex officio*.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES,

ARTICLE 1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which shall hold annual meetings, determine amounts to be appropriated to parsonages within its bounds and the incidental expenses of the Conference.

ART. 2. The society shall consist of one or more delegates from each Auxiliary and the following officers: a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and a District Secretary from each presiding elder's district.

ART. 3. The President, the three Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected annually, and shall constitute the Executive Committee. These officers shall be nominated by a committee composed of one representative from each district, and elected by ballot. This does not debar the parliamentary privilege of nominations from the floor after the committee's report has been presented. The District Secretaries and Conference Superintendents shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

ART. 4. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business at a called meeting. One member of this quorum must be either the President or the Corresponding Secretary. The Executive Committee shall prepare the programmes for the Annual Meeting.

ART. 5. The Conference Society shall make its appropriations from the fifty per cent of dues subject to its direction. It shall adopt a plan for raising a fund to meet the expenses of the Conference. If this fund should prove insufficient, it may be supplemented from the Conference fifty per cent of dues.

ART. 6. No Conference Society shall project or accept work or respond to special calls for aid without the approval of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

ART. 7. No Conference Society shall elect or appoint as its representative at the Annual Board Meeting any person not a member of said Conference Society.

BY-LAWS TO CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, actively advance its interests, and countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, perform the duties of the President in her absence. The First Vice President shall coöperate with the Auxiliary First Vice President in raising the standard of parsonage building and furnishing, and in making the local work more distinctively missionary in character. The Second Vice President shall be the Superintendent of the Department of Tithing and report quarterly to

the General Superintendent of Tithing, and the Third Vice President shall superintend the Baby Roll and the Brigade.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee. She shall give due notice of the Annual Meetings of the Conference Society.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature by sending it direct to Presidents of auxiliaries or to District Secretaries, as the Conference Society may direct. She shall organize or have organized auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization by name to the General Secretary and to the Treasurer of the Conference Society. She shall send quarterly reports to the General Secretary by the 15th of March, June, September, and December; also an annual report in March, giving statistics in full. She shall make to the Conference Society such reports as that body may require. She shall also send to the Conference Board of Church Extension, for incorporation in the minutes of the Annual Conference, a report of all appropriations made to parsonages by her Conference Society. She shall give due notice of all executive meetings of Conference officers. She shall draw all orders on the treasury.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society, keep a book account with each auxiliary, and submit the same annually to an auditor appointed by the Society. She shall write quarterly to the Treasurer of each auxiliary, giving special attention to new auxiliaries. She shall remit to the General Treasurer by the 15th of March, June, September, and December all dues, special donations for connectional work, contributions to Loan Funds, offerings of Week of Prayer and money for life memberships, accompanied by an explicit statement of names and purpose of special donors and donations. She shall send to the General Treasurer the total number (not names) added to the Baby Roll made in the Conference during the quarter, with the amount of membership fees to correspond.

6. The Conference Society may elect Superintendents to coöperate with the Superintendents of the Board. They shall send quarterly reports of their work to the General Superintendent of their department by the 15th of March, June, September, and December.

7. The District Secretary shall organize auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Home Mission Society in her district. She or a representative appointed by her shall present a report of the work at the District Conference. She shall hold an annual meeting in the district, composed of delegates from the auxiliaries, and shall encourage each auxiliary to hold annually an all-day meeting, and once a quarter a public meeting, thus creating sentiment in favor of the work. She shall ask each pastor in her district to preach a sermon on home missions once a year in each Church, and ask for a freewill offering. She shall make an effort

to collect information in regard to her district—viz., the number of charges and preaching places, the membership and financial condition of each, looking to the organization of or increased usefulness of auxiliaries, and the spiritual, social, and educational status of the people, looking to the bettering of conditions through the local work of the auxiliary wherever needed. The District Secretary shall correspond with the auxiliaries in her district, and, if the Conference so direct, she shall send the literature direct to the presidents of the auxiliaries. She shall send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary not later than the 10th of March, June, September, and December. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the official organ of the Society, *Our Homes*. She shall send her book annually to the Conference meeting to be approved.

8. No Conference or auxiliary of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall enter a student in either Training School upon a scholarship supported by funds raised in or through the Society without first submitting her testimonials to the General Secretary of the Woman's Board and receiving the approval of the committee appointed for that purpose. This approval, however, shall not be considered equivalent to an acceptance of the candidate if upon graduation the Board decides she is unsuited to the work. No Conference or auxiliary shall send to either Training School any person who does not expect to go into work of some kind under the auspices of the Home Mission Society. No person entering at her own expense or at the expense of others in the Conference as a student in either Training School shall be considered a candidate of the Home Mission Society unless her testimonials have been favorably passed upon by the General Secretary and the committee, nor after her graduation shall the Board, the student, or the patron consider the Board under any obligation to employ her unless she meets the requirements for a deaconess, a missionary, or a teacher.

8. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Board.

9. If, during the year, an office becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy.

10. During the annual meetings a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

11. Sixty-five years shall be the age limit of those holding official positions in the Woman's Home Mission Society.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Home Mission Society by adopting the Constitution and By-Laws and electing a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and by the payment of the regular dues.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Society of the ——, Auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to inform women and children of the need of home mission work and to encourage them in active efforts to advance the cause of Christ in our own land; to raise funds for procuring parsonages and maintaining the institutions under the care of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and to do such benevolent work as local conditions require.

ART. 3. Any one paying regularly ten cents per month may become a member of the society; and any one paying $25 in one year may become a life member, and shall receive a certificate for the same, which may release the holder from further payment of dues.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall together constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

ART. 5. The meetings of this society shall be held monthly, or oftener if the interests of the society require it. The February meeting shall be the annual meeting, when the officers shall be elected for the following year; a report of the work of the year shall be read and a copy of the same be given to the pastor.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and superintend the work of the society, laying special emphasis upon the study of the reading course by the auxiliary.

2. The Vice Presidents shall in their order assume the duties of the President in her absence, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned them.

3. The First Vice President shall have in charge the local interests of the auxiliary, and shall, *ex officio*, be the chairman of the committee for local parsonage and benevolent work.

4. The Second Vice President shall coöperate with the Conference Second Vice President in seeking to bring the members of our Church to practice tithing. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Second Vice President.

5. The Third Vice President shall have charge of the Brigade and Baby Roll. She shall collect the enrollment fees for the Baby Roll of twenty-five cents per member, and for the Brigade ten cents per member, and all the mite box money for both, and shall turn over, quarterly, to the Auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled and amount collected. She shall send to the Conference Third Vice Presidents the names of those only whose fees have been paid, and for the Baby Roll names shall receive certificates. She shall have books in which the Brigade roll and the Baby Roll are kept, and also the amounts paid both for enrollment fees and collected in the mite boxes.

6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the regular and called meetings, see that the congregation is notified of the time of the meeting, both from the pulpit and through the Sabbath school.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society, and send to the Conference Secretary or to the District Secretary, as the Conference Society may direct, full reports before the first day of

March, June, September, and December. She shall also send to these officers the name and address of the Auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be approved.

8. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues and the expense fund ordered by her Conference, keep a book account of the funds of the society, and remit to the Conference Treasurer before the first of March, June, September, and December. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be audited. She shall send quarterly to the Conference Treasurer the number of names placed on Baby Roll, with amount of enrollment fees to correspond.

9. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers to make a written report to the monthly business meetings of their local auxiliaries.

10. The society shall elect an agent for *Our Homes*.

11. The society shall elect a Superintendent of Press Work.

12. There shall be a Local Committee to coöperate with the First Vice President as chairman in looking after the parsonage and the benevolent work of the Church. This committee shall be elected quarterly, semiannually, or annually, as the auxiliary may prefer. It shall have its own Treasurer for local funds, which may be raised in any way the Auxiliary deems best. Such by-laws may be adopted governing the work as the local needs may require, provided they do not conflict with the by-laws of the general work.

13. There shall be a Visiting Committee appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit from house to house, to distribute reading matter sent out by the society, and other Church literature, enlist members for the society, and induce persons to attend church and Sabbath school. A full report shall be made at each meeting of the society. It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee to report to the pastor the names of strangers and all cases of sickness and destitution that they may find. The members of the committee on their rounds should also endeavor by the reading of God's Word to comfort, strengthen, or bring to Christ those whom they may visit. The Visiting Committee may be subdivided into smaller committees to visit specific places. A committee on temperance and other committees may be appointed as the needs may require.

14. All the members are requested to pray for the work of the society at the hour of retiring and when they shall lie awake at night, praying especially for the members of the Baby Roll. Those who are shut in by age and ill health should be asked to bring the work and the workers daily before God.

15. The officers of the Auxiliary shall be elected by ballot. If an office becomes vacant during the year, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. I. This Society shall be called the Young People's Home Mission Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to secure Christian activity among the young people of the Church, and to educate them in the missionary and temperance work of our own country.

Art. III. Every young person paying five cents a month dues may become a member of the Society.

Art. IV. Any one may become a life member of the Society by the payment of $10.

Art. V. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee to plan the work of the Society.

Art. VI. Meetings shall be held monthly or oftener. The Annual Meeting shall be held in February, when annual reports shall be read and officers elected for the coming year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society, and in every way strive to promote its interests.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, preside in the absence of the Presidents and perform such special duties as may be given them by the Society.

3. The First Vice President shall have charge of local work: appointing committees for visiting the aged, sick, and strangers, for beautifying the church, distributing flowers, stimulating social intercourse, etc. She shall plan for such other lines of local work as may be needed, and shall make quarterly reports to the Conference First Vice President.

4. The Second Vice President shall keep before the members the Lord's plan for financing the kingdom, trying to secure its adoption by each member. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Second Vice President and coöperate with her in the plans for this work.

5. The Third Vice President shall, with the Auxiliary Third Vice President,* plan for the coöperation of the members in carrying on the Brigade and in increasing the Baby Roll, and shall report quarterly to the Conference Third Vice President.

6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Society and provide her pastor with notices of the meetings.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the Society, send reports of the work of the Society once a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and District Secretary, and send to these officers the name and address of the Auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the District Meeting for approval.

8. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, securing at least five cents a month per member, keep a book account, send funds once

*Where there is no auxiliary, the young women should carry on this work by themselves.

a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Treasurer.

9. There shall be a Committee on Literature, whose duty shall be to prepare the monthly programmes and secure the persons to carry out the same; also to promote mission study and to distribute literature. One member of this committee shall be Agent for *Our Homes*.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

This department shall consist of the Baby Roll and the Brigade, and shall be under the superintendence and management of the Associate Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Third Vice President of the Conference shall have charge of the Baby Roll and the Brigade work in her Conference.

THE BABY ROLL.

Constitution.

Art. I. The object of the Baby Roll shall be to identify the children of the Church with the missionary and temperance movements from their earliest infancy, and to lead them into active work in our own country.

Art. II. Any child five years of age and under may become an active member of the Baby Roll upon paying an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. No dues shall be required, but each child shall be furnished a mite box for voluntary offerings. A Baby Roll member may become a life member by the payment of $10.

ART. III. The Auxiliary Third Vice Presidents shall have charge of the Baby Roll, and its meetings shall be held at such time and place as she shall determine.

THE BRIGADE.

Constitution.

ARTICLE I. The object of the Brigade is the education of the children in home missions and temperance, and their enlistment as soldiers of Jesus Christ in the uplift and salvation of our own country. Daily Bible study, knowledge of the needs of our country, liberality in giving, and the cultivation of the prayer life are all objects to be attained.

Art. II. Any child between the ages of five and fifteen may become an active member of the Brigade upon paying an enrollment fee of ten cents. No dues shall be required, but every member shall use a mite box for voluntary offerings.

Art. III. The Third Vice President of the adult auxiliary shall be responsible for the organization and management of the Brigade in her Church.

Art. IV. Meetings of the Brigade shall be held quarterly, when the mite boxes shall be opened. Whenever local conditions permit, meetings for the purpose of educating the Brigades in home mission work may be

held monthly or oftener. A public meeting shall be held annually, when a review of the year's work shall be given.

Art. V. The mite boxes used by the Brigade shall be called the "Florine McEachern Mite Box," and shall have her name and picture printed on them.

By-Laws for Brigades.

1. The Auxiliary Third Vice President shall appoint or have elected from the members of the Brigade a President, Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. She shall instruct them and aid them in performing the duties of their respective offices.

2. Each child shall be furnished with a mite box when enrolled; the same shall be renewed when too much worn for service.

3. A child ceases to be a member of the Brigade if he has not attended any of the meetings or fails to present his mite box at any of the openings in a year. The names of such children must be dropped at the end of twelve months; but if they desire to return to membership, they may do so by paying the enrollment fee again.

Plan of Organization.

Divisions.—The whole organization is called "The Brigade." This is divided into regiments, which form the Conference organizations. Each local society is also called a Brigade, and this is divided into companies of not less than five nor more than ten children. These are to be called Company A, B, C, etc. The Conference Regiment is composed of all the local Brigades within its bounds.

Officers.—The Associate Secretary, who has charge of all the whole Brigade, would, in military terms, be the Brigadier General. The Third Vice President of each Conference is the Colonel of that regiment. The Third Vice President of the adult auxiliary is the Captain of the local Brigade. The leader of each division is a Lieutenant. When needed, there may be under officers, as Corporal and Sergeant.

General Instructions.

How to Organize.—Call the children of the Church together and present the work and explain the organization, then ask for enrollment. This may be done at the Sunday school. The children are ready to work. Pray that our women may be ready to lead!

Officers.

The Brigade—the entire organization.

Commanding officer—Brigadier General (Associate Secretary).

The Regiment—all the companies in the Conference.

Commanding officer—Colonel (the Conference Third Vice President).

The Brigade—the local society. (In a city it would bear the name of the Church also.)

Commanding officer—Captain (the Auxiliary Third Vice President, or other person in charge).

Company A, B, C, etc. (as many as the membership requires—five to ten in each).

Commander—a Lieutenant (one of the children).

Under officers—Sergeant and Corporal (one of the children).

For general business and conduct of the meetings a Brigade should elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (all children).

General Instructions.

Meetings.—Meetings must be held at least quarterly, and should be held monthly. It may be better to hold semimonthly or weekly meetings, according to local conditions. If the children are in the Junior League, the two may be correlated. Meetings are presided over by the President; in the absence of the President, by the Vice President; in the absence of both of these, by the Lieutenants in order—A, B, C, etc.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct roll of the membership, and furnish the same quarterly to the Captain. She shall also keep the minutes of each meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, present the *Bulletin*, and assist the Captain in making quarterly reports of the work.

The Treasurer shall collect the enrollment fees and make out the membership cards, keep a record of all money used for local work or special purposes (such as the Week of Prayer), and turn it over to the Captain as she directs. The Treasurer shall also keep a record of mite box collections, which must be held quarterly.

The President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer shall make quarterly reports to the Society, and an annual report at the last meeting before March 1.

The Lieutenant shall preside at Company meetings, and at roll call shall report for the Company the names of those absent, and if possible the reason. The Lieutenant shall be the leader in the drills.

The Sergeant shall be Secretary of Company meetings, and shall conduct the correspondence of the Company.

The Corporal shall have charge of any money raised by that Company aside from the enrollment fee and mite box collections, and shall turn the same over to the Brigade Treasurer.

The meetings should begin on time, the business be conducted promptly, and good parliamentary practice observed. Children should begin to learn this early.

Membership.—All persons between the ages of five and fifteen who pay an enrollment fee of ten cents may become members. Each is further supposed to give voluntary offerings, for which a mite box will be provided. (See By-Law 7 of Constitution for Brigades.) Membership cards may be obtained by application to the Conference Third Vice

President (the Colonel), who may obtain them from the Associate Secretary. These cards are to be given out only after the enrollment fee has been paid.

The Captain (the Third Vice President, or the one who acts as leader) has general oversight of the work and plans for it. She must be the religious leader of the children. She is to develop them, not do the work for them. She shall make quarterly reports (1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Third Vice President, and shall see that reports are given to the Society in due form, and that all other business is properly conducted, and that programmes are educative as well as interesting. The success of the work depends largely upon the Captain, though it does not require any unusual woman to do this work. She should love children, realize the need of their training, and be willing to be used of the Master in this service.

Brigade Council.—The Captain, officers, and Lieutenants shall constitute the Brigade Council, which shall hold special meetings as often as the Captain may deem best, to plan for the work of the Brigade.

Company Meetings.—When the Brigade is large, Company meetings should be stressed; in fact, the work may be largely carried on by them, with the whole Brigade together, bimonthly or quarterly. In such case the Captain will need assistant Captains. The Companies should be encouraged to correspond with our workers—for instance, with pupils in our mountain and other schools, with city missionaries and deaconesses—and have the letters read at the Society. Company meetings afford opportunity for drill work.

Methods of Work.—Each Company should be assigned some phase of local work—as Company A, detailed to put flowers or plants in the Sunday school rooms and church for the services, and to make the Brigade room attractive by putting the chairs, tables, etc., in order for the meetings. After the flowers have been used in the church, they should be given to the poor or sick, or to some institution. This may be done by Company A or by another Company detailed for that purpose. Company B might have for its duty to hunt up and bring in new children to the Sunday school and other services, and to welcome them when there; Company C to assist the First Vice President of the auxiliary in carrying out her plans of work, etc. This work should be changed before it becomes monotonous, and also to train the children in the different lines of work. The Company idea may be carried out in the programmes, one meeting having the entire programme (except drills) given by one Company; next, having one Company give the Scripture lesson, another items of home mission news, another talks on papers on the special topic, another having charge of the music, etc. One representative from each Company should take the parts on the programme. Various suggestions will come to the mind of the leader and will be suggested by the published programmes.

Mottoes.—The motto of the Brigade is: "Our Land for Christ." Each Company should have a motto and a Scripture verse, which it may se-

lect. The following are only suggestive: "Save America to Save the World," "America Freed by the Gospel of Christ," "Ours a Nation with Christ as Its Head." 1 Thess. v. 21; Col. iii. 17; 1 Tim. 15; 2 Tim. ii. 19; Heb. iv. 16.

Salutes.—Each local Brigade should have a good-sized American flag, and each Company should have one also, though it may be smaller. The Sergeant or Corporal or especially appointed person may be flag bearer for the Company. At roll call each Company should rise and together salute the flag, giving motto and Scripture verse. They should be taught how to drill and to salute the officers properly.

Drills.—They should be taught how to march, salute, present arms, face, etc. Special drills will appear from time to time in *Our Homes* and be kept in leaflet form in the office. The same will be true of programmes. Brigades should order them from their Colonel (Conference Third Vice President), who will obtain them from the general office. Mite boxes are obtained from the Colonel also.

Other Helps.—Many juvenile leaflets are published and kept in stock. Practically every month something will appear in *Our Homes.*

Colors are red, white, and blue, and a small enamel pin with the motto on it may be obtained for fifteen cents. A booklet of home mission songs sells for two cents each.

Prayer.—Give monthly or weekly special subjects for prayer—such as a certain deaconess or city missionary and her work, Vashti Home, the mountain boys and girls, etc. Do not forget to include in this list sometimes the general officers and the Conference officers. Tell the children about each subject, so that they may pray intelligently. At meetings ask for a report from those who remembered the subject in special prayer, also from those who read the Bible daily, and from those who put something into the mite boxes. Cards with daily Bible readings may be obtained from the office in Nashville, Tenn.

RULES GOVERNING DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES.

BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE PARSONAGE DEPARTMENT.

The following rules are hereby prescribed for carrying out such of the provisions of the Constitution of this Society as relate to parsonages:

Concerning Loans.

RULE 1. All loans in aid of parsonages shall be made by the General Board of Church Extension, subject to the same rules and conditions prescribed by it for loans in aid of church building. Said Board shall have authority to take bonds and mortgages payable to itself for all loans; to collect principal and interest of same when due, by suit or otherwise; and to pay annuities on Parsonage Annuity Certificates out of interest received by it, rendering an annual report of all its acts performed under these rules in behalf of this Society, and remitting annually to the General Treasurer of this Board all interest collected on parsonage loan funds, less annuities paid.

Concerning Funds for Donation by the Woman's Board.

RULE 2. (1) All money specially contributed to be used for donations in the parsonage work; (2) all donations refunded upon mortgages taken under Rule 7; (3) such amount of dues received by the General Treasurer and subject to appropriations under Article X. of the Constitution as shall be determined upon by this Board from year to year at its annual meetings; and (4) all unappropriated balances remaining to the credit of the several Conference Societies on the 1st day of April of each year shall together constitute a fund for donations to aid in building parsonages, and shall be disposed of in grants for that purpose by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Board may, in its discretion, grant such donations at its annual meetings in anticipation of its receipts for the ensuing year; but in no event shall the aggregate grants thus made in advance exceed in amount the total amount received under the third item of this rule during the preceding year.

Concerning the Duties of the General Treasurer.

RULE 3. The General Treasurer shall, at the end of every quarter, or oftener as she may see fit, remit to the Board of Church Extension all moneys coming to her hands under Rule 2, or for the loan funds; and no moneys received for the use of the parsonage department shall be used for any other purpose.

Concerning the Approval and Grading of Applications to the Woman's Board for Donation.

RULE 4. Every application for donation hereafter presented for consideration at the annual meetings of this Board must first receive the approval of the Conference Woman's Home Mission Society; of the Conference Board of Church Extension of the Conference from which it comes, and such approval must be given at a regular meeting of said Board or its Executive Committee when held in the month of March for the consideration of applications for aid to the General Board of Church Extension. Said Conference Boards or Committees are hereby requested to consider all parsonage applications from their respective Conferences, and to forward such as they may approve so as to reach the General Secretary of the Home Mission Society by April 1st of each year. Each application so approved should have the signature of the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the Conference Society, and the action of the Conference Board written thereon, certified by the President and Secretary, and all the applications from a given Conference should be, by the Conference Board, graded and marked in the order of their relative importance. This rule shall not apply as to grading and time of approval in cases of unforeseen calamity occurring too late for compliance with its provisions. The General Secretary is hereby directed not to put on the calendar any application not in conformity with this rule.

Concerning Emergency Applications to the Woman's Board.

RULE 5. The Woman's Board of Home Missions will not consider applications for donations at other than annual meetings except in cases of press-

ing emergency, of which it shall be the sole judge. Every such emergency application must be approved by the Conference Board of Church Extension or the bishop in charge of the Conference from which it may come.

Donations by Woman's Board Subject to Revision by General Board of Church Extension.

RULE 6. All donations granted to parsonages by this Board shall be subject to approval of the General Board of Church Extension, as provided in Article VIII. of the Constitution; and no notice of any grant shall be given the parties interested until such approval shall have been given. The Board of Church Extension shall have the power to change the amounts granted and to offer loans instead of donations, when considered judicious, provided the aggregate amounts granted by the Woman's Board shall not be increased.

Concerning Titles and Refunding Mortgages.

RULE 7. All donations granted to parsonages by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, or by the Conference Societies, shall be subjected to the same conditions as to titles, debts, insurance, and refunding mortgages as are imposed in like cases by the rules of the Board of Church Extension: *provided*, that mortgages shall not be taken for donations which do not exceed one hundred dollars; and that in cases of peculiar difficulty and hardship, any of the provisions of this rule may be modified in favor of the grantees, with the concurrent consent, in writing, of the General Secretary of the Woman's Board, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and, if the grant be made by a Conference Society, of the Corresponding Secretary of such Society.

Concerning Donations by Conference Societies.

RULE 8. Each Conference Society shall, at its annual meeting, carefully examine all applications for donations to parsonages, and grant such as are worthy, to an amount not exceeding the sum at their disposal, or which they may reasonably expect will be at their disposal by the 31st day of March following, under Article X. of the Constitution, or from any other source; all such grants to be made subject to the provisions of Rule 7. In case of great emergency, the Woman's Executive Board of the Conference Society shall have the power to make an appropriation in the interim. No application shall be considered unless signed by the trustees and approved in writing by the presiding elder, the pastor, and the Quarterly Conference of the charge. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall forward to the General Secretary the applications so granted, with the amount granted each indorsed thereon. The General Secretary shall, after making a list of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose, forward them to the Board of Church Extension, which shall, when supplied with the necessary funds, pay over the same to the parties entitled thereto, upon compliance with the requirements of Rule 7.

Applications to Be Written upon Authorized Blanks.

RULE 9. All applications for aid to either the Woman's Board of Home Missions or to Conference Societies must be written upon blanks prepared by the General Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall be provided with a supply, at the expense of her society, for gratuitous distribution in the bounds of the Conference.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

1. This department shall be composed of a Superintendent and a committee of seven, as follows: The President, General Secretary, Associate Secretary of the Board, the Editor of *Our Homes*, and three other members selected by these *ex officio* members.

2. This department shall have in charge all the literary interests of the Society. The Superintendent shall divide among the members of the committee the different parts of the work, to be subject to the revision of the whole committee.

3. It shall prepare the Annual Report and publish a monthly bulletin. It shall issue quarterly six leaflets—three for adults and young people and three for Brigades—and keep a stock of such booklets and leaflets as it deems necessary for furnishing instruction and information to the Society. It shall arrange reading courses on home mission work and Bible study for adult, young people's auxiliaries, and Brigades, and do all in its power to secure the adoption and continuance of these courses by auxiliaries, schools, and individuals. It shall aid in making *Our Homes* more efficient and in extending its circulation. It shall spread information in regard to the Society and its work by a systematic plan of publication in the Church papers and secular press. It shall secure as far as possible the admission of home mission books in the Epworth League, Sunday school, and public libraries.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

1. This department shall consist of a committee of three, who shall be the President and the General Secretary of the Board as *ex officio* members, and one other member, said member to be a member of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Chairman of this committee shall be the Superintendent of the department.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to superintend the educational work of the Society, and to report upon the same to the Board in annual session.

3. To this committee shall be referred all applications of missionary teachers; all the propositions for the opening of new schools or the enlargement of those already existing; the quarterly reports of superintendents, principals, and teachers; all estimates for the needs of the school for the ensuing year.

4. The committee shall recommend in annual session the number of teachers necessary for each institution, and the amounts to be appropriated for the maintenance of each school. The principal of

each school shall submit the credentials of the faculty to the committee for indorsement and appointment. If an emergency arises such as will require an increase in the appropriation to prevent injury to a school, the matter shall be referred to the Board at a called meeting.

5. It shall be the duty of this committee, as a body or individually, to visit, if possible, the schools under their supervision and make themselves acquainted with their internal management.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee shall consist of two persons, who may be members of the Board or of the Society at large, or members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing. The duty of this committee shall be to audit the books of the General Treasurer and *Our Homes* and the accounts of the officers and superintendents who receive appropriations as such from the general treasury.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

This committee shall be composed of the General Secretary, the Associate Secretary, and three other members elected by the Board. To this committee shall be sent all amendments to any Constitution or By-Laws of the Woman's Home Mission Society not later than sixty days before the Annual Meeting of the Board. This committee shall send a list of these proposed amendments to the members of the Board before the meeting of the Board.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIOLOGY AND PHILANTHROPY.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and the Recording Secretary of the Board, the teacher of sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and two other members elected by the Board.

2. This committee shall study the social conditions obtaining in our land and the most successful philanthropic methods in use. It shall make a report of the results of this study at the Annual Meeting of the Board. It shall also make suggestions as to certain matters whereon it is desirable for the Board to legislate.

COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS WORK AND CITY MISSIONS.

1. The officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, five additional members from the Board or the Society at large, a representative from each of the Training Schools, quadrennially elected by the Board, shall constitute a Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

2. This committee shall receive and act upon all applications from those who desire to become deaconesses; also all applications to employ deaconesses. It shall receive quarterly reports from all deaconesses and deaconess institutions maintained or controlled by

the Woman's Home Mission Society, and keep on file a full statement of the condition and work of these institutions, and endeavor to maintain helpful relations between the several institutions and between them and the Training School. It shall arrange for the consecration, appointment, or any transfer of deaconesses or missionaries that may be desired, and shall decide upon all questions of administration and differences.

3. This committee shall, at the annual sessions of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, make a full report of the deaconess work, which, after acceptance, shall be incorporated in the printed minutes of the Board.

4. It shall be the duty of this committee to take such oversight of this department as will insure the proper location of mission houses or homes, the class of work to be done in them, the judicious expenditure of funds to encourage or restrain expansion, to aid in devising ways and means for raising funds.

5. It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate the conditions and needs of cities where there are no City Boards of Missions; and where conditions are encouraging, the same should be reported to the Board in annual session or called meeting; and if approved, the committee shall do all in its power to aid in the organization of a City Board and the establishment of a mission on a safe basis.

6. This committee shall confer with and coöperate with City Mission Boards. To it shall be referred all propositions from cities or auxiliaries desiring to take up organized city mission work; all reports of City Boards, including an itemized statement of money received and expended; all reports from city missionaries; all applications for or from missionary workers, or for a change in work or workers assigned. Previous to Annual Meetings this committee shall consult individuals, societies, and Boards supporting missionaries, and missionaries themselves, as to the assignment of work for the ensuing year. The committee shall assign work to all missionaries in the employ of the Board, subject to the approval of the Board in annual or called meetings.

BY-LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION WORK.

In all our cities and towns where two or more Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society exist, whether in one or several Churches, they may unite for the promotion of city missions, under the title of a "Board of City Missions." But there shall not be in any city more than one such Board.

1. There shall be a Board of City Missions consisting of three or more members from each coöperating Auxiliary Society, to be chosen by said Auxiliaries at the first regular meeting in January of each year. The Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge

of the Churches in which the Auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elder of the district may be advisory members.

2. The Board shall elect at its first meeting in February of each year a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

3. The Board shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. It shall be authorized, with the approval of the executive officers of the Woman's Board, to choose and employ missionaries and fix their salaries.

4. It shall employ as missionaries only those whose testimonials have been considered and approved by the executive officers of the Woman's Board.

5. All appointments of missionaries made at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, or by the Standing Committee on City Missions during the year, shall continue until the next Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board, and shall be binding upon both the missionaries and the City Boards employing them. This contract cannot be broken except for such reasons as shall be regarded as good and sufficient by the Committee on City Missions.

6. A monthly report shall be made to each Auxiliary by its representatives.

7. An annual report of the work shall be made to the District Conference.

8. The Board shall apportion to each Auxiliary the amount necessary to be paid by it for salaries of those employed and other current expenses.

9. The Board shall urge the Auxiliaries to secure funds by private subscription and other suitable methods for support of the work, to collect promptly and pay to the Treasurer of the Board.

10. The Board shall also report annually its work to its Conference Society and to the Woman's Board through the General Secretary.

11. City missions under the auspices of the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall be divided into two classes, according to their ability to support and conduct mission work.

Class A shall consist of Settlement Homes where the City Mission Board can pay regularly not less than $100 a month for current expenses. To these the Woman's Board shall appropriate 10 per cent on money expended for current expenses the previous year and reported by voucher to the General Treasurer. Through the Standing Committee on City Missions it shall have control in the appointment of one or more workers, the character and amount of work done, and the location of the house. The Head Residents of these Homes shall be women of experience and training, and have full charge of the internal affairs of the Home and superintend the work of the other residents. The work of the Homes shall, if possible, be so correlated with that of the nearest Methodist Church as to make this Church the center of its operations and the conservator of its results.

Class B shall consist of those missions where the City Board is able to pay regularly not less than $60, or as much as $100 a month for current expenses. As this amount is not sufficient to maintain a Settlement

Home, this class of missionary work shall not be so designated, and the forms of work undertaken shall be limited to such as the funds make possible of success. The missionary shall not be required to keep house or to live in the community wherein she works, but near enough to give attention to its demands. The work shall be carried on wherever possible or desirable in the nearest Methodist church; or, if that is not possible, in close correlation with it. To this class of work the Woman's Board shall appropriate 10 per cent on money expended during the previous year which has been reported by voucher to the General Treasurer, and shall appoint the missionary.

The Woman's Board will make no appropriation to city mission work where less than $60 a month is raised for current expenses.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

LOCAL WORK.

Duty of the Auxiliary First Vice President.

The First Vice President shall have in charge the local interests of the auxiliary, and is Chairman of the Committee for Local Work.

This local committee looks after the parsonage and benevolent work of the Church. It is elected annually, or quarterly, as the auxiliary may prefer; it elects its own treasurer for local funds, which are raised in any way the auxiliary deems best.

The ideal First Vice President selects a large committee, which is divided into subcommittees according to the departments of home work and individual fitness for the work to be done. These subcommittees are as follows: "Parsonage," "Church," "Local Benevolent Work," and "Visiting Sick and Strangers."

1. The *parsonage* work is committed to wise, tactful women. One of these is made *treasurer* of the *parsonage fund*. A list of Church members is secured and divided among them, and they secure a contribution from every one possible. While the care of the parsonage is given over to the Woman's Home Mission Society, no member of the Church should be denied the privilege of caring for the preacher's home. Once a year a canvass of the Church is made, and most members, men and women, contribute a dollar each, which keeps the committee supplied with a fund available at any time for refurnishings, interior repairs, and renewing the table and bed linen. These women approach those who are not disposed to contribute anything to the parsonage in such a manner as to win their favor, if not coöperation. Each month they visit the preacher's wife, and in such a sisterly way find out the needs of the home as to make her feel they are her best friends. By keeping up with the needs of the home, that deterioration of property which makes some parsonages look forlorn is avoided.

2. The *care of the church* is given to ladies who are proverbial for

tidiness and taste. By friendly grace they inspire the sexton with a desire to have the building well swept and dusted.

3. Several women are put in charge of the *benevolent work.* One is selected as treasurer of the local fund for helping the needy, which may be raised by dues (ten or twenty-five cents per month). Often the regular collection for the poor, which is taken at the communion service, is turned over to the Home Mission Society for distribution. A wise distribution of these funds must be brought about by letting judgment direct them instead of sentiment.

4. Tactful women should be given charge of *visiting the strangers and sick* in the community. They should make a point of speaking to strangers at church and visiting them in their homes. The services of this committee must be available for the sick and dying, and the pastor ought to find them live helpers in the spiritual affairs of the Church.

A united meeting of all these subcommittees must be held every month, and from their reports the First Vice President is enabled to make a report of all the local work at the regular monthly meetings of the Woman's Home Mission Society. In this manner all the women of the Church are kept informed of the local work being done, and hold themselves in readiness to serve intelligently at the call of any department. Time is thus saved and useless discussion avoided. A clear statement about the collections and expenditure of funds should always be made, and occasionally some fact which shows that God is using the local committee for great good may be given.

TITHING.

Duty of the Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents.

1. To write to her Conference Second Vice President as soon as she is elected to the office, asking for counsel and advice, also telling her of the condition of the work in her Auxiliary.

2. To inform herself thoroughly concerning the scriptural basis for this work and to secure and distribute literature on the subject.

3. To interest every man, woman, and child in her Church in the subject of tithing, if possible.

4. To endeavor to get such persons to sign the Pledge Card furnished by our organization. As the Pledge Cards are intended to help persons to surrender to the method, the card shall be kept by the signer as a reminder of the promise to follow "God's Financial Plan." The names of all who sign the card shall be entered upon a record book to be kept by the Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents. This book shall be held as a permanent record of this department of the Auxiliary.

5. To go over the names of these tithers during the last quarter of each year and, if practicable, speak with each one, that we may know that all reported in the fourth quarter are "keeping the faith."

6. To give a written report of the number of tithers—increase or decrease—at each business meeting of the Auxiliary.

7. To present some phase of the subject at each meeting. One strong point given each time, either by the superintendent or some tither, will do more to convict than many long arguments.

8. To report to the Conference Second Vice Presidents not later than the 1st of March, June, September, and December. Make this report if there is only one tither in the Auxiliary.

BRIGADE AND BABY ROLL.

DUTY OF AUXILIARY THIRD VICE PRESIDENTS.

Baby Roll.

1. The Auxiliary Third Vice President shall endeavor to enroll the names of all the children under five years of age of the Church in the *Baby Roll.*

2. She shall collect the enrollment fee and mite box offerings. She shall turn all moneys over to the Auxiliary Treasurer, together with the number of names to correspond with the fees, each quarter.

3. She shall send a list of all the names enrolled during the quarter to the Conference Third Vice President, who shall furnish her with a certificate of membership and a mite box for each child.

4. She shall make a report each quarter, not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Third Vice President of the new names enrolled, total number on roll, and moneys collected.

Brigade.

1. The Third Vice President shall also have charge of the *Brigade,* and shall keep in a book a true record, where she shall enroll the names of the children as they enlist.

2. She shall furnish each child with the mite box which is known as the Florine McEachern Mite Box, and shall arrange for mite box openings, for which she shall have instructive programmes. A child ceases to be a member of the Brigade if he has not attended any of the meetings or fails to present his mite box at any of the openings in a year. The names of such children must be dropped at the end of twelve months; but if they desire to return to membership, they may do so by paying the enrollment fee again.

3. She shall collect the money at the mite box openings and turn over the same, together with the enrollment fee, to the Auxiliary Treasurer, who shall forward it to the Conference Treasurer.

4. The Third Vice President shall furnish to the Auxiliary Treasurer the number of names added to the roll during the quarter. The enrollment fees must correspond with the number of names given.

5. She shall make a quarterly report to the Conference Third Vice President not later than the 1st of March, June, September, and De-

cember of the new names enrolled, total membership, and amount of money collected during the quarter.

SUPPPLY DEPARTMENT.

1. The Conference Superintendent of Supplies should correspond with the presiding elders in her Conference, especially those in whose districts there are missions or poor circuits, to secure the names and addresses of preachers who are really needing help. These names should be sent to the General Superintendent. If there is a mission school or rescue home belonging to the Woman's Home Mission Society or Conference Orphanage, she should secure boxes for these, always giving preference, however, to the needy preachers and their families. These must be reported to the General Superintendent every quarter.

2. She should keep in touch with each auxiliary in her Conference, urge the sending of boxes promptly, and in every way possible aid in their preparation and sending them out. She should keep a list of the names and addresses of Auxiliary Presidents or Corresponding Secretaries, in order to communicate with each as necessity arises.

3. As soon as these boxes are sent out she should see that they are correctly and promptly reported, on blanks prepared for this purpose, to the General Superintendent, and each quarter a report of all supplies sent must be made to the Conference Corresponding Secretary. The value of the box as a whole is all that is needed for the Conference Secretary.

4. It is also her duty to make a report to the General Superintendent not later than the 15th of March, June, September, and December.

The following instructions for auxiliaries, if properly carried out, will do much to improve and enlarge the usefulness of this grand and noble work:

General Instructions for Auxiliaries.

1. The Woman's Home Mission Society wants to make the standard of donations as high as possible, and insists that nothing be sent that is not both valuable and suitable, purposing that quality and serviceableness, rather than quantity, be the standard.

2. Guard against publicity, and let only the Corresponding Secretary and President or two or three members who assume the responsibility of the work know the name of the preacher to whom donations are sent.

3. Money intended as personal gifts should be sent without delay to the Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Nashville, Tenn.

4. Ship boxes, barrels, and packages direct to the parties for whom they are intended. Goods should be clearly marked with the name of the recipient in full, also name of city and State, with name of sender, and ask the railroad agent in each case to follow shipment with a tracer.

5. Donors should prepay the entire cost of shipping, and get from the railroad or express company a bill of lading or express receipt. Care should be taken to mark each package (with red paint) "Charges Paid Through," so that no extra charge can be made by agent at place of destination.

6. Notify at once parties to whom you send the goods, and inclose bill of lading or express receipt, requesting acknowledgment of the receipt or nonreceipt of the goods. If lost, see that the railroad or express company looks it up at once.

7. It is important that your gift be made as early in the fall as possible, so as to reach those in need before the severity of the winter begins.

8. Fill out and send to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough the blank for reporting supplies.

9. The donation and value of same should also be reported at once to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

There is often complaint on the part of auxiliaries that they cannot get the applications early in the fall. Every effort has been made to secure the needed information early in the season; but as Conferences are often held as late as December, it seems impossible to avoid this delay. Every year there are preachers who hope to do without help and wait as long as possible, until the cold days come and find the family unprepared. Let us not criticise this, but fully sympathize and respect this delicacy and be ready to help whenever and wherever needed.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

Conference Superintendents.

Each Conference Society must have a Superintendent for this Press Work, who is expected to coöperate with the General Superintendent. These "Bulletins" are forwarded to her for distribution to the auxiliaries in the Conference. By her personality she establishes a comradeship which inspires a spirit of hearty coöperation throughout the connection; and if she enters into this work with zeal, she will soon learn that it is a God-given opportunity for serving the Master. She must have a record book or directory, where the name and address of each Auxiliary Superintendent is kept, because she must send these "Bulletins" to them every month. Any blank book will serve this purpose, but she must have it, as it will not do to trust her memory to carry the names of auxiliaries or their superintendents. Every quarter she furnishes her Auxiliary Superintendents with report blanks, upon which they give an account of their work. From these combined reports she gives an account of her own stewardship to the General Superintendent of Press Work. These reports enable her to know what becomes of the "Bulletins" and something of their help to the auxiliaries. From them she gleans facts which may be used to the edifica-

tion of others through the "Bulletin." In addition to this contact with the auxiliaries, she endeavors to furnish her Conference paper with bright, telling facts, which she may gather from the "Bulletin" or from other sources. These are always rewritten in her own words.

Auxiliary Superintendents.

Upon this officer, who is often the Corresponding Secretary, depends the successful execution of this press work. To her is given the opportunity of making a willing people, as she gives out the information contained in the "Bulletins." An informed people is a willing people, and ours need but to know what must be done in order to be ready to give of their substance or their service. The duties of this auxiliary officer may be defined as follows:

1. She shall present the items received from the Conference Superintendent monthly to the meeting of her auxiliary; also any other information she may gather relative to the home mission work. It shall be her duty to keep the auxiliary, and, as far as practicable, the women of the Church, informed of the work and needs of the Home Mission Society—this to be done in whatever way her ingenuity may suggest. Never read but tell the facts. By use of a blackboard the facts may be made much more effective and interesting. A live superintendent will make this one of the most interesting and profitable parts of the monthly programme.

2. The superintendents in towns and counties where weekly secular papers are published shall endeavor to secure space, and then use it to the upbuilding of the work. She shall use the items and any other local news concerning the work that she may be able to get; in short, pointed paragraphs, no paragraph to be more than ten or fifteen printed lines. After securing space, she should establish confidence in the work by regularly filling it. Irregularity will cause the publishers trouble. Let them know you are to be depended on for your part.

3. As a sameness of wording would be very objectionable to the many papers in our connection, she shall always use her own language in giving these items to the papers, seeking to retain her individuality of expression.

4. It shall be her duty to coöperate in every way possible with the Conference Superintendent, sending her all news concerning her own auxiliary that might be used elsewhere for the good of the work.

5. It shall also be her duty to put on foot such methods as will result in the use of the Reading Course and in every way possible advance the Department of Literature.

DUTIES OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. House-to-house visitation, reading of the Bible and prayer with families, Bible-readings, holding prayer meetings, mother's meetings, organizing and superintending industrial schools, etc.

2. They shall report monthly to the Board of City Missions, and quarterly to the General Secretary, giving a full account of their labors during the past month or quarter.

3. They shall work with the presiding elder and the Board with special reference to the establishment of such permanent preaching places and Sunday schools as may be projected by Quarterly Conference or local Church Extension Boards.

REQUIREMENTS OF HOME MISSION CANDIDATES EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the society should give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a home missionary?

2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?

3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as set forth in Part I., Chapter I., of the Discipline?

4. When and where were you born?

5. What are your domestic relations and obligations?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. In what schools have you taught, and how long?

8. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

9. Can you cut and fit dresses, and teach sewing?

10. Are you able to give instructions in housekeeping, including cooking?

11. Have you had experience in the care of the sick?

12. Are you willing to be transferred from one position to another if in the judgment of the Board such a change is deemed advisable?

II. 1. The candidates should furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) good health; (4) educational fitness; (5) ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) aptness to teach.

2. Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

3. The testimonials of a missionary candidate should be considered and passed by her Conference Society before they are brought before the Board.

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LEAFLETS.

Leaflets can be obtained from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries or from the General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Nashville, Tenn.

READING COURSE.

For Auxiliaries.

Annual Report. *Our Homes.*

"The Price of Power." Stuart Holding. Price, 50 cents.

"From Darkness to Light." Helm. (For Adults.) Paper, 35 cents; cloth, 50 cents.

"Upward Path." (Young People.) Paper, 35 cents; cloth, 50 cents.

"The Pioneers." Crowell. (Brigades.) Paper, 25 cents.

"The Immigrant Tide." Steiner. Price, $1.50.

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The Survey. (A Weekly.) Price, $2; in clubs of ten or more, $1. (Published at 105 East Twenty-Second Street, New York City.)

"The Bitter Cry of the Children." Spargo. Cloth, $1.25.

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Record of Christian Work. (Monthly.) Price, $1. (Published at East Northfield, Mass.) *The Survey.*

"The Bitter Cry of the Children." Spargo.

"Memoirs of Brainerd." Sherwood. Price, 75 cents.

LIST OF HOME MISSION BOOKS.

1. Our Country. By Strong. Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 50 cents. Baker & Taylor Co.

2. The New Era. By Strong. Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 50 cents. Baker & Taylor Co.

3. The Next Great Awakening. By Strong. 75 cents. Baker & Taylor Co.

4. Religious Movements for Social Betterment. By Strong. 50 cents. Baker & Taylor Co.

5. The Institutional Church. By Judson. 60 cents. Lentilhon Co.

6. American Charities. By Warner.

7. Principles of Relief. By Devine. $2. Lentilhon Co.

8. Practice of Charity. By Devine. 65 cents. Lentilhon Co.

9. The Present South. By Murphy. Cloth, $1.50; paper, 25 cents. Macmillan Co.

10. Friendly Visiting among the Poor. By Richmond. $1. Macmillan Co.

11. The Burden of the City. By Horton. Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 50 cents.

12. Modern Cities and Their Religious Problems. By Loomis. Baker & Taylor Co.
13. Crime and Its Causes. By Morrison. Scribner.
14. The Social Evil. By Committee of Fifteen. $1. Putnam Co.
15. Factory People and Their Employers. By Shuey. 75 cents. Lentilhon Co.
16. Development of Thrift. By Brown. $1. Macmillan Co.
17. Immigration. By Hall.
18. The Incoming Millions. By Grose. Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 50 cents.
19. The Social Teachings of Jesus. By Peabody.
20. History of the Deaconess Movement. By Goulder.
21. The Boy Problem. By Forbush. 75 cents. Pilgrim Press, Chicago.
22. The Boys of the Street, and How to Win Them. By Stelzle. 50 cents. Revell.
23. The Making of an American. By Riis.
24. How the Other Half Lives. By Riis.
25. Peril and Preservation of the Home. By Riis.
26. Social Settlements. By Henderson. 60 cents. Lentilhon Co.
27. Poverty. By Hunter.
28. How to Help. By Conyngton. $1.50.
29. Substitute for the Saloon. (Committee of Fifty.) By Calkins. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
30. The Challenge of the City. By Strong. 35 and 50 cents.
31. The Leaven in a Great City. By Betts.
32. The Bitter Cry of the Children. By Spargo.
33. The Shame of the Cities. By Steffen.
34. On the Trail of the Immigrant. By Steiner.
35. Italians in America.

INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO FUNDS.

THE money can be classified under five heads: I. The Regular Fund; II. Special Donations; III. Loan and Endowment Funds; IV. City Mission Money; V. Local Funds.

I. **The Regular Fund** is used for the support of the connectional work, such as mission schools, parsonages, and rescue work, and includes all money collected, as:

1. Dues of adult and young people.
2. Life memberships and honorary life members and patrons.
3. Brigade enrollment fee.
4. Baby enrollment fee.
5. Mite box collections.
6. Week of Prayer offerings.
7. Donations to which no special direction is given.

II. **Special Donations** are those directed to some particular object connected with the work of the Home Mission Society.

III. **Loan and Endowment Funds.**

1. Parsonage loan funds, whether named or unnamed.
2. Educational Endowment Fund.
3. City Mission Endowment Fund.

All money collected or contributed under these three headings (the Regular Fund, Special Fund, Loan and Endowment Funds) must be sent by the auxiliary treasurer to the Conference Treasurer, and by her to the General Treasurer, and a statement of the amount for each accompany the draft, as provided for in the record books. No sum from this Week of Prayer collection can be used to make Life Members, Preachers' Wives' Loan Funds, Educational Endowment Funds, or for local enterprises. Life memberships can be made only by special collections for that purpose. Money should not be sent by auxiliaries to the field—that is, in response to any person applying for special aid—but through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer, from whence it will go as directed, and credit be given. Special donations remitted to the Conference Treasurer or General Treasurer must be accompanied by the name and wish of the donor. *This is very important if credit is desired.*

IV. **City Mission Money.** In those cities where there is a Board of City Missions, the auxiliaries supporting it assess themselves a certain amount, which is paid monthly to the treasurer of the city board. This treasurer sends a voucher (or receipt) to the Conference Treasurer for all the money thus received, who in turn signs and forwards the same to the General Treasurer.

V. **Local Funds.** Under this head is included *all* money raised for

any purpose *locally*—viz., for the local parsonage, the church, or the poor. This money is held by the treasurer of the local committee, and is expended by direction of the committee; an unitemized report must be sent to the Conference Treasurer, who in turn reports it to the General Treasurer.

LOAN AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

The Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund is constituted by donations of five dollars each to make individuals "patrons" of this fund. Names of patrons will be recorded and published in the Annual Report the year they are received. Money thus raised is used for loans to parsonages.

The Memorial Loan Fund.—This name is given to a fund constituted by a contribution of $20 for each name sent. The $20 may be paid at once, or in installments as desired. Names recorded on this roll represent the loving remembrance of departed ones by parents, children, relatives, or friends, who, in this way, erect to their memories a lasting monument of good deeds. Those not able to constitute Named Loan Funds are by this fund afforded an opportunity to honor their dead. Names of children may be entered on this roll for five dollars. Money thus collected augments the sum from which loans are made to parsonages.

Named Loan Funds.—The sum of one thousand dollars and upward, donated by one or more persons, may, by direction of the contributors, constitute a separate loan fund, and be named by them. No part of the amounts secured and set apart as constituting the Loan Fund is ever donated for any purpose, or used for current expenses, but is preserved without diminution a perpetual fund, held and reserved wholly for temporary loans. Parsonage loan funds are administered by the General Board of Church Extension, subject to appropriation by the Board of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Education Endowment Fund and City Mission Endowment Fund have been created. These two last funds are not loan funds, but vested funds, the interest of which will be used for the objects indicated. Patrons to these funds can be made by the payment of five dollars.

All money intended for these funds must be sent to the General Treasurer, either direct or through the Conference Treasurers. Names of patrons for Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund and those enrolled on the Memorial Fund Roll and Educational Endowment Fund should accompany the money.

Mite Boxes are furnished to all wishing to use them for the benefit of this Society on application to Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn.

Boxes of Supplies.—Transportation should be prepaid on all supplies, and the amount and to whom sent reported to the Conference Secretary. A report of same must be sent to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent, 605 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS.

$ 0 25 makes a baby member.
60 per year dues makes a member of the young people's society.
1 20 per year constitutes an adult membership.
10 00 constitutes a young people life membership.
25 00 constitutes an adult life membership.
100 00 constitutes an honorary life membership.
300 00 constitutes an honorary life patron to the loan fund.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

$100 a year is the cost of a scholarship in the mountain schools and in the industrial schools.

TITLE TO PROPERTY.

The title to all property, real, personal, or otherwise, should be taken and held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Mississippi.

FORM OF DEVISE AND BEQUEST.

I hereby devise and bequeath unto the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Mississippi the following property, absolutely, and in fee simple—viz., ...[Here describe the property so that it may be ident fied, if it be land or specific personal property; or give the amount if it be a bequest of money; or, if it be a bequest of stock or bonds or notes or other securities, describe the same and give the value thereof. In other words, in any case simply describe the property so it can be told what is intended to be given.]

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